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Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., the President.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Jeremiah S. Lord, Abraham R. Van Nest, Charles Whitehead. *Elders*—Abraham Van Nest, Thomas Jeremiah, Charles H. Amerman.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, John M. Macauley, D.D., Frederick F. Cornell. *Elders*—Warren C. Gray, Edward C. Cook, George W. Gerard.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D., Jacob C. Sears, D.D., Abraham Messler, D.D. *Elders*—Henry C. Van Arsdale, Peter A. Voorhees.(1)

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(1) *Took his seat* on the second day of the session.

..., Jacob Brinkerhoff.(1) F. J. Hosford.(1

From the North Classis of Long-Island.—Rev. I. Mandeville, William W. Halloway.(5) *Eld* son, William Ferris.

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.—Rev. Abra ander M. Mann.(2) *Elder*—John P. Luyster.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. Theodo ce Doolittle, William J. R. Taylor.(1) *Elders*— M. Wyckoff, Isaac Van Zandt.

From the Classis of Passaic.—Rev. John A. Sta nklin, Abraham G. Ryerson. *Elders*—Cornelius Halstead.

From the Classis of Illinois.—Rev.

From the Classis of Hudson.—Rev. Cornelius E. off, David D. Demarest. *Elders*—

From the Classis of Westchester. — Rev. Phili f. See, Victor M. Hulbert. *Elder*—Charles Sta

From the Classis of Monmouth. — Rev. A. (n Reiley, Harvey D. Ganse. *Elders*—

From the Classis of Arcot.—

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev.

From the Particular Synod of Albany

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Benjamin C. Lippincott, Charles H. Stitt.(1) *Elders*—David Conklin, Ten Eyck De Witt.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edward P. Stimpson, Edwin Holmes, William Bailey. *Elders*—Peter G. Ten Eyck, Henry Mesick.(1)

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, Samuel T. Searle, John B. Shaw. *Elder*—Russell Burt.(5)

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. John C. Van Liew, E. S. Hammond. *Elders*—Henry J. Dievendorff, James G. Van Vorst.(1) (5)

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D. *Elder*—Storm S. Becker.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Lawrence H. Van Dyke, N. D. Williamson, Isaac Duryee.(2) *Elders*—Alexander G. Fonda, John D. Ogsbury, William Van Vranken.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. George Rockwell. *Elders*—Noah Merriam, William J. Bacon.(1)

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Jeremiah Searle, Hiram Slauson.(2) *Elders*—Abraham B. Rapalje, Joseph A. De Witt, Jacob V. B. Fowler.

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. Philip Peltz, John Minor, John Steele.(1) *Elder*—Luther Hollister.(1)

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. *Elders*—

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. John Dubois, Oscar H. Gregory, D.D.(2) *Elder*—Abraham Fonda.

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. John L. See, George I. Van Neste.(1) *Elders*—

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. *Elders*—

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., *President;* Rev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., *Adsessor;* Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck and John Steele, *Clerks pro tem.*

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.

(2) Succeeded on the second day of the session by his *primarius.*

(5) *Obtained leave of absence* on the fourth day of session.

:re read.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

unication was received from the Board of Educat
ıe action of the Synod concerning the beneficia
of Holland, the state of their funds, and other m
the best means of promoting the cause of educati
d referred to the Committee on Education.
ving report was received from the Board of Superin
ogical Seminary, which was read and referred to t
e Professorate.

ERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH:
of Superintendents of the Theological Seminar
utch Church report:
net in the Theological Hall, at New-Brunswick, c
1855, at 11 o'clock A.M.
was opened with prayer by Rev. Cornelius Va
ev. John C. F. Hoes, D.D., was elected Preside
Van Cleef, Clerk, *pro tem.*

ng members were present:

N. McLaren, D.D.,	Rev.	John C. F. Hoes, I
k F. Cornell,	"	Richard H. Steele.
Sears, D.D.,	"	

The students who have been in attendance on the lectures of the professors during the year are:

Of the Senior Class.

John A. De Baun,	H. T. F. Schnellen Dreussler,	Jared W. Scudder,
J. Sansom Jerolamon,	Franz R. Schwedes,	John Van Vleck,
Edward P. Livingston,	Ezekiel Scudder,	Cornelius L. Wells,
Franz M. Schneaweiss,		Francis N. Zabriskie.

Of the Middle Class.

E. Tanjore Corwin,	Josiah Markle,	Giles Van Derwall,
James Demarest,	Anson F. Munn,	John Martin Wagner,
P. M. Doolittle,	John Henry Oerter,	Jacob S. Wyckoff.
J. Ferguson Harris,	T. Dewitt Talmage,	

Of the Junior Class.

Henry E. Decker,	James Le Fevre,	Henry P. Thompson.
John McC. Holmes,	J. Howard Suydam,	

It appears that three of the members of the Senior Class are native Germans who expect to preach the Gospel to their countrymen among us in their own tongue. And three are destined to the foreign missionary field, the Messrs. Scudder, hoping to unite with the Classis of Arcot in India, and Mr. Jerolamon designing to join Messrs. Doty and Talmage in China. The above facts are as gratifying as the consideration is painful that but five remain to supply all the ordinary and numerous vacancies in our Church and the urgent demands of the Board of Domestic Missions. Surely the harvest is plenteous and the laborers few.

The professors furnished us with the testimony that the attention of the young gentlemen had generally been commendable. One case of delinquency, however, was noticed by them which the Board felt constrained to make the subject of serious and earnest rebuke.

The several classes were examined in the different departments of study, and the Seniors in addition on their personal piety, their views in entering the ministry and manner of preaching. On which it was resolved that the examinations be sustained, and that the members of the Senior Class be recommended to the professors for the usual certificates.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was delivered by Rev. Philip Peltz, on the evening of the first day of the session from Col. 2 : 19, and the address to the Students at the close of the examination by Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, D.D.

The following young men having been duly recommended by the classes for aid from the funds of the Church, on examination were accepted as beneficiaries: Josephus D. Krum, Miner Swick, Benjamin A. Bartholf, Samuel J. Rodgers, and Frederick F. Wilson. Augustus Blauvelt, having at the session of the previous year been examined, was in like manner *received.*

ie terms of the following members will expire at
e Synod:

ev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.,	of the	Classis	of Ne
" Jacob C. Sears, D.D.,	"	"	Ne
" Aaron B. Winfield,	"	"	Pa
" Thomas C. Strong,	"	"	No
" Cornelius Van Cleef,	"	"	Po
" John C. F. Hoes, D.D.,	"	"	Uls
" Richard H. Steele,	"	"	Ren
" J. Romeyn Berry,	"	"	Cay
" Philip Peltz,	"	"	Gre

the suggestion of the Professor in the Biblical
to afford an additional stimulant to continued ap
portant branch of study, the Board recommend h
tion of all the classes in the Seminary, in Hebrew
ear.

Synod at its last session having submitted to the
ion of a change in the sessions of the Seminary, mal
sion and a single vacation in each year instead of
rder that the meetings of the Board may preced
and the incongruity of having the report of the Bo
a year before presentation to the Synod, may be
of the faculty states their hearty approbation of
ls that all the instructions which they now afford
a proper arrangement of the studies, be as easily
posed as under the present plan. They further

weight of these considerations, give the proposed change their approval and report the above to the Synod.

We learn that the Committee appointed at our last annual meeting to collect funds sufficient for the erection of a Theological Hall have thus far failed of success, and with painful emotions we learn further that the benefaction of $25,000, generously and magnanimously made at first by the Collegiate Church for this object, and afterwards changed to its interest of $1500 annually, for the benefit of the Theological students, has, since the late decisive and well-nigh unanimous action of the Synod, been entirely revoked. A bright prospect is thus unhappily blighted, and the sad consequences will fall heavily we fear on those now in course of preparation for the ministry, in our institutions; while it must for the present diminish the number of those who would otherwise have sought admission to them. The views of the Board in reference to the necessity of such a building, have by no means been modified; and our dependence for still achieving this object is on the living God whose are the silver and the gold, and who has said: "Lo! I am with you alway even to the end of the world." Our appeal is to the liberality of those whom Jesus the Saviour has bought with his blood, and who prefer Jerusalem above their chief joy.

In reference to the above, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That our convictions of the need of a Theological Hall are deepening, as its need and the expediency of its erection are discussed.

2. That we heartily approve of, and commend the plan of making earnest and immediate application to all our churches for the funds needed for its erection.

3. That we will use our influence in our respective classes in aiding the Committee of Synod in procuring said funds.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. F. HOES, *President.*
P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

Jersey City, Oct. 22d, 1855.

A copy of a report of the Committee on Synodical Minutes adopted by the Classis of New-York in relation to various subjects acted upon by the Synod at its last session, was received, read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. John C. F. Hoes, Oscar H. Gregory, and William Reiley, and the Elders Teunis A. Waldron and Garrit G. Bergen.

A remonstrance against the reception of the North-Carolina Classis, signed by certain individuals of the church at Hastings upon Hudson, was received.

A communication was received from the Professors of the Theological Seminary, recommending certain individuals as suitable persons to be placed on the Van Benschoten Fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed

ommittee have received no official answer.

The failure to obtain funds from this sour
ore than made up by the magnificent donatio
una Hertzog, of Philadelphia, for the erection
e Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

This act of noble Christian benevolence h
other, worthy to be associated with it. Co
ew-Brunswick, has given and deeded to the S
lued at $14,000, delightfully situated, and n
t by more than 700. This lot extends fr
thin 166 feet of College avenue. The desira
ch to the avenue led to other instances of be
r pleasure to report.

Mr. David Bishop generously offered to gi
200. Col. Neilson cheerfully added another t
t grant, and Mr. Charles P. Dayton kindly g
perty as lay between the original lot given
street. Nothing remained to give completen
unds but one lot, which the Committee have pr
whole amounts to about six acres.

long the whole front of these grounds, exte
ue to George street, the Common Council of
t of 80 feet in width. This, while it greatly
e adjacent property, will, of course, involve
nditure for grading, etc. The Committee
Synod will be prompt to make provision
ossession of a very valuable property.

plan has been adopted, contracts, within the
been made; and the work is now in prog
, to be completed on or before

of Susquehanna, in Pennsylvania, which, having been read, was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Schoharie was received in relation to the application of the North-Carolina Classis to be received into connection with the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, which was read.

A communication was received from the Rev. T. W. Chambers, D. D., declining his appointment as Chairman of the Committee to raise a Church Building Fund, made at the last meeting of the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A request was presented by the delegate from the Classis of Cayuga, on behalf of the Consistory of the Church of Utica, that the Synod would unite with the corporation of that Church in a proper conveyance of the church property, if at any time hereafter it should be deemed expedient to dispose of the same, for the purpose of effecting a new location; the request together with the documents accompanying it, was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the delegates of the Classis of Wisconsin, appointed to attend the present meeting of the General Synod, expressing the views of said Classis upon subjects claiming the attention of Synod.

A communication was received from the Classis of Albany, asking a dispensation for Rev. Mr. De Roie, from examination in the Ancient Languages, which was laid upon the table.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in Africa, in answer to the one sent to them by order of the General Synod, which convened in June, 1854, which was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was received from the Rev. John Leyburn, D.D., Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in relation to the action of the Assembly, on the subject of the complaint against the Presbytery of North River, in reference to the Church at Kingston, etc., and expressing the regret of the Assembly, that there should have been any cause for complaint or recrimination between the two churches, which was read and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. G. William Welker, of the German Reformed Classis of

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hurch of North America; *and whereas*, the I
ho had attended the session of the Assembly of
ed to state what he knew on *the subject*, and st
e very interesting documents in relation to
, *Resolved*, That the aforesaid communication
referred to the Committee on Correspondence, t
meeting of the General Synod.
took up the consideration of the subject of the a
-Carolina Classis, to be received in connection w
Protestant Dutch Church. The documents in t
th the action of the last meeting of the Synod, w
nonstrance from certain individuals belonging to
gs on the Hudson, and extracts from the Min
Philadelphia, Schoharie, and Montgomery, in
ation, were read.
missioner from the North-Carolina Classis was h
rt of the report of the Committee on Correspond
his subject, and which was accepted at the last
was taken up. It was moved and seconded, tha
mmended in the report of the Committee on C
dopted. It was resolved as an amendment to
the words "German Reformed," be stricken out
hich it is proposed the Classis when received shall
name shall be the "North-Carolina Classis of the
Dutch Church of North America."

Ayes.

A. R. Van Nest,
J. S. Lord,
A. R. Thompson,
E. C. Cook,
G. W. Gerard,
B. Van Zandt,
C. G. Van Riper,
J. D. Waldron,
A. Elemendorf,
G. W. Bethune,
G. G. Bergen,
T. J. Hosford,
J. B. Alliger,
G. H. Mandeville,
W. W. Holloway,
A. Polhemus,
H. Vedder,
J. P. Luyster,
J. M. Wyckoff,
I. Van Zandt,
V. M. Hulbert,
I. N. Wyckoff,
I. H. Pettingill,
C. Y. Lansing,
W. C. Miller,
J. C. F. Hoes,
D. Conklin,
C. Holmes,
W. Bailey,
P. G. Ten Eyck,
S. T. Searle,
J. B. Shaw,
R. Burt,
E. S. Hammond,
H. J. Dievendorf,
J. G. Van Vorst,
R. Wells,
L. H. Van Dyck,
N. D. Williamson,
I. Duryea,
A. G. Fonda,
J. D. Ogsbury,
W. B. Hull,
G. Rockwell,
W. J. Bacon,
J. Searle,
H. Slauson,
J. A. De Witt,
L. Hollister,
O. H. Gregory.—50

Nays.

C. Whitehead,
T. Jeremiah,
A. Van Nest,
C. H. Amerman,
J. M. Macauley,
F. F. Cornell,
W. C. Gray,
S. B. How,
J. C. Sears,
A. Messler,
H. C. Van Arsdale,
P. A. Voorhees,
W. V. V. Mabon,
J. Gardner,
F. H. Vanderveer,
J. Brinkerhoff,
W. Ferris,
J. J. Johnson,
T. B. Romeyn,
W. J. R. Taylor,
C. Wurts,
N. Conklin,
A. G. Ryerson,
C. B. Doremus,
J. Halstead,
P. Phelps,
J. M. See,
A. C. Millspaugh,
H. D. Ganse,
W. Riley,
C. C. Crispell,
B. Hoff,
D. D. Demarest,
B. C. Lippincott,
C. H. Stitt,
E. P. Stimson,
C. P. Van Wyck,
J. C. Van Liew,
W. Van Vranken,
N. Merriam,
J. V. B. Fowler,
A. Rapalje,
P. Peltz,
J. Minor,
J. Steele,
J. Dubois,
A. Fonda.—47

The subject was afterwards taken from the table, when it was

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution in regard to the admission of the Classis of North-Carolina, and the amendment proposed to the same, be laid upon the table.

The following preamble and resolutions were then presented and adopted:

Whereas, It is evident from the opinions expressed on the floor that the Synod can not unite cordially in receiving the Classis of North-Carolina within the limits of our Church; and whereas the Synod

desire to treat the Classis of North-Carolina with the courtesy and kindness due to respected Christian brethren, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That the Commissioner from the Classis of North-Carolina be requested to withdraw his papers.

2. *Resolved also*, That a certified copy of the above preamble and resolutions, with the action of the Synod, as recorded on page 531 of the Minutes, be sent to the Classis of North-Carolina.

The ayes and nays having been called for upon the first resolution, were taken, and are as follows:

Ayes.

A. R. Van Nest,
Jeremiah Lord,
Abr. Van Nest,
A. R. Thompson,
J. C. Sears,
A. Messler,
H. C. Van Arsdale,
Jas. Scott,
B. Van Zandt,
C. G. Van Riper,
J. D. Waldron,
A. Elmendorf,
G. W. Bethune,
G. G. Bergen,
Jacob Brinkerhoff,
F. J. Hosford,
J. B. Alliger,
G. H. Mandeville,
W. W. Halloway,
J. J. Johnson,
Wm. Ferris,
A. Polhemus,
H. Vedder,
J. P. Luyster,
V. M. Hulbert,
Chas. Starr,
H. D. Ganse,
Wm. Reily,
I. N. Wyckoff,
Ch. Y. Lansing,
Wm. C. Miller,
John C. F. Hoes,
Ten Eyck De Witt,
Wm. Bailey,
P. G. Ten Eyck,
Henry Mesick,
S. T. Searle,
Russell Burt,
Hen'y J. Dievendorf,
Ransford Wells,
Law. H. Van Dyke,
N. D. Williamson,
Isaac Duryee,
Alex. G. Fonda,
John D. Ogsbury,
George Rockwell,
Noah Merriam,
Wm. I. Bacon,
Jeremiah Searle,
Hiram Slauson,
Joseph A. De Witt,
John Minor,
Luther Hollister,
O. H. Gregory,
John L. See.—55.

Nays.

C. Whitehead,
Thomas Jeremiah,
Chas. H. Amerman,
F. F. Cornell,
Warren C. Gray,
Peter A. Voorhis,
Wm. V. V. Mabon,
C. Van Cleef,
Theo. B. Romeyn,
H. Doolittle,
Wm. J. R. Taylor,
N. Conklin,
J. A. Staats,
A. G. Ryerson,
C. B. Doremus,
P. Phelps,
Isaac M. See,
C. E. Crispell,
Brogun Hoff,
D. D. Demarest,
J. H. Pettingill,
B. C. Lippincott,
Chas. Stitt,
E. P. Stimpson,
Polhemus Van Wyck,
J. C. Van Liew,
Wm. Van Vranken,
J. V. B. Fowler,
Abm. B. Rapalje,
Philip Peltz,
John Steele,
John Dubois,
Abm. Fonda,
George J. Van Neste.
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The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee of Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have received a communication from Rev. John Leyburn, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in which, by direction of the Assembly, he expresses to the General Synod, in relation to their complaint of the violation of the terms of correspondence by the Presbytery of North River, in the case of the church recently organized at Kingston, N. Y., "the deep regret felt by them that there should have been any cause for complaint or recrimination; their profound respect and strong fraternal affection for their brethren of the Dutch Church, and their desire that nothing should be allowed to weaken the ties which bind the two churches together. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That Synod cordially reciprocate the above expressions of fraternal affection and esteem and their earnest desire for the strengthening and perpetuating of those ties that now bind the two churches in Christian communion.

2. That the Stated Clerk of Synod furnish a certified copy of the above to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

They have received an affectionate letter from the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church of South-Africa, expressing their gratification at receiving a letter from this Synod, informing us of the flourishing state and the good prospects of their church, and their desire of the continuance of our correspondence with them. They complain of the want of teachers for their youth, at a distance from their towns and villages. They also state that there is an increasing desire of having their youth instructed in the English language, and intimate that men of good moral character and of moderate education who might be disposed to emigrate from our church to their country, as teachers among their agricultural population, would find ready employment.

A letter has been received from Rev. Dr. Bonner, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the Free Church of Scotland, expressing a wish that a correspondence may be opened between that church and ours. Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod are gratified to receive the intimation that the opening of a correspondence will be acceptable to the Free Church of Scotland, and cordially accede to such an arrangement.

SAMUEL B. HOW, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. How, Vanderveer, Crispell, and the Elders, Van Arsdale and Shutts, be a Committee to open a correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in South-Africa, and also with the Free Church of Scotland.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Synod took up the subject of the Revised Liturgy, the consideration of which had been postponed to this session.

The Stated Clerk announced that, in conformity with the order of the last Synod, 250 copies of the Revised Liturgy had been printed for the use of the Synod, and that he had sent a copy by mail to every member of the Synod. Those now present who had not received a copy of the same, were furnished therewith.

The form for the administration of the Lord's Supper, as submitted by the original committee, and that reported by the special committee, were considered. Several amendments were proposed, discussed, and adopted. When the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the two reports upon the subject of the Liturgy of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, be referred back to the original committee upon that subject, and that they be required to report the result of their deliberations to the next meeting of General Synod, and that the consideration of the whole matter be deferred until that report comes in.

Resolved, That Rev. Harvey D. Ganse be substituted on the Original Committee on the Liturgy in the place of the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D.D.

Resolved, That if the Committee on the Liturgy deem it necessary to print a new edition of the Liturgy, they be allowed to print 500 copies, and that 250 copies be left at the Board of Publication Rooms for sale.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Education to report upon the propriety of having a sermon preached upon the subject of education for the ministry, at the regular meetings of this Synod.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave to report, that several papers referred to them have received their consideration.

In reference to a communication from the Board of Education, they present the following.

At the late session of Synod, an act was passed, allowing certain young men who are studying, with a view to the Gospel ministry, in the Holland Academy, under the care of the Classis of Holland, to pursue a portion of their studies in that institution, instead of entering at once into Rutgers College.

Since the adjournment of the Synod in June, a request has been presented from a member of the Classis of Holland, that the examination required by the Synod before the Board of Superintendents, may, in the case of these Holland youth, be conducted by some of the brethren who compose the Classis of Michigan.

From the consideration of the distance, and the expense of the journey to New-Jersey, to appear before the Board of Superintendents, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Schultz and Kershow, members of the Classis of Michigan, and Rev. Mr. Van Raalte, of the Classis of Holland, be a committee to conduct the examination of the above-mentioned young men, and of such other students for the ministry as are under the care of the Classis of Holland.

The communication from the Board contains a statement of the following facts, namely: That they have now twenty young men receiving aid from their funds; that seven new beneficiaries are recommended by the professors and Board of Superintendents, which number will perhaps be raised to nine; and that if the five mentioned in the letter received from a member of the Classis of Holland be added, it will make an increased demand upon the funds of more than $2000. That the support of the Missionary Teacher in the Holland Academy draws, annually, from the treasury an additional sum of $400.

But though the Board have used all the means at their command to increase the amount of their funds, but thirty-one churches out of our three hundred and thirty-five, have sent in their contributions; and that the whole amount received is only $1679.97.

In view of this state of things, the Board ask permission of the General Synod, to appoint a Corresponding Secretary, to whom this whole subject may be committed. Your Committee, for the purpose of bringing this subject before the Synod, but without expressing an opinion as to the propriety of the measure, present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be empowered to appoint a Corresponding Secretary, at a salary not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, to whom the subject of increasing the education funds shall be committed.

A resolution has been placed in the hands of your Committe, relating to the subject of an annual sermon to be preached before this body upon the subject of education for the Gospel ministry. They would present for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod direct that a sermon, in behalf of the Board of Education, *be preached* before them at each annual meeting.

erection of a Theological Hall, (to be used by th
ary of the Reformed Dutch Church;) and that
respond to her desire that it shall bear the honor
ceased husband, they pray most earnestly that tl
Church will render it a source of the largest satisfa
and of unbounded usefulness to the Church whicl
blessed.

Resolved unanimously, That the Synod also gr
the liberality of Col. James Neilson, of New-Br
large, eligible, and valuable site, on which to erect
Theological Hall," and that they highly appreciate
benefit the institutions and rising ministry of a C
s not immediately connected, and which will ever
of his great and timely kindness.

Resolved unanimously, That the sincere thank
iven to David Bishop, Esq., of New-Brunswick
lonation of four valuable lots of ground; and to
lso of New-Brunswick, for his kind contribution
xtend the site of the Hall to its present ample di

Resolved, That certified copies of these resoluti
Iertzog, Col. Nielson, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Dayt

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. BE

Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., was appointed t
ermon on education, before the next Synod;
lliger was appointed his *secundus*.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit the following as their report. There has been placed in their hands a communication from the Theological Faculty, presenting the names of four individuals as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following action. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Henry H. Loring, and Frederick W. Anthony Riedel of the Theological Seminary, and Uriah D. Gulick, of Rutgers College, and Andrew Hegeman, of the Grammar School, be placed upon the Van Benschoten fund.

There has also been placed in their hands the annual report of the Board of Superintendents, for the present year. This report represents the affairs of the Seminary in a happy and prosperous condition, the Professors attesting that "the attention of the young men had been generally commendable," reporting but a single case of delinquency, which was brought to the attention of the Board.

Regret is expressed that while the harvest is plenty, the laborers are few. Let the churches heed the command of the Master, to pray the Lord of the harvest that laborers be sent forth. The total number of students as given by the report is 27. The graduating class numbered 11, 3 of whom are now on their way to the missionary fields, the Messrs Scudder hoping to join the Classis of Arcot in India, and Mr. Joralamon designing to join Messrs Doty and Talmage in China.

Three of the persons recommended by the classes for aid from the funds of the churches could not be received on account of informality in the recommendation; and in view of the frequent recurrence of this difficulty, the Board desire the attention of the classes to be called to the rule of Synod, which requires that a young man shall have been a member of the church for one year before he applies for aid from the educational funds.

The Board at the request of the Professor of Biblical Literature, recommend an examination of all the classes in the Seminary, in Hebrew, at the close of each year. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution: *Resolved*, that the yearly examination in Hebrew be extended to all the classes of the Seminary.

In reply to the question whether it is expedient to change the time of the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents, and the term of the theological year, the Board report, that having consulted with the members of the Faculty, they are prepared to recommend that the theological year shall consist of a single session.

Their report says: "The Faculty state their hearty approbation of the measure, and add that all the instructions which they now afford to the College, can by a proper arrangement of the studies, be as easily rendered under the proposed as under the present plan." They further specify the following advantages which will accrue to the students. "Their travelling expenses will be diminished at least one half, in many cases two thirds. The time of their absence from the Institution being all brought *within a single space*, opportunity will be afforded to such as

may need it to enter upon some employment which may yield them a handsome remuneration." Other considerations of weight also are presented. In connection with this expression of the Theological Faculty, there has been placed in the hands of your Committee the action of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College authorizing *their* Committee appointed for the purpose of altering the time of the annual commencement, to confer with the Synod's Committee, and so arrange it that the commencement be held on the *Thursday* immediately preceding the fourth of July, requiring the fall session to commence on the 20th day of *September*. Having conferred with this Committee of the Trustees, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the term of the Theological Seminary commence on the Twentieth day of September, to continue until the third Tuesday of May, with an interval of eight or ten days at the Christmas Holidays.

Resolved, That the annual meeting of the Board of Superintendents be held on the third Tuesday of May.

By this arrangement the report of the Board will no longer have to lie over nearly a year, before presentation to the Synod. And as the senior class of the College, to which the instruction of our Theological Professors is chiefly or wholly confined, leave a month prior to the day of commencement, but a few days will elapse between the closing examination of the Seminary and that of the graduating class of the College.

The subject of a Theological Hall is brought again to the notice of the Synod, with a request that earnest and immediate application be made to all the churches for funds for its erection. This all, under the kind Providence of God, has been settled by the timely and abundant liberality of those whose names will be held in pleasant and honored remembrance. Let that Hall rise a noble monument of the pious heart that endowed it, provoking many to like deeds of generosity, and proving in all its history that God honors the act of the cheerful giver.

Your Committee have had under consideration the resolutions of the Synod, relative to the increase of the salaries of the Professors in the Theological Seminary. They would most cordially recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the salaries of the Professors of the Theological Seminary be $1800 per annum, payable quarterly, commencing 1st December next, together with the free use of the dwellings those residing in the College now occupy.

Resolved, That the sum of $300 per annum, payable quarterly, commencing December 1st, be allowed the Professor of Biblical Literature until provision be made for his residence.

An application from the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church of Utica, in reference to a deed of their church property, has been submitted to the attention of the Committee. They recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, in the deed by which the church of Utica hold their church

property, there is a provision that they can not dispose of the same without consent of Synod, and whereas a request has been presented by the Consistory, that in their present circumstances it is important that they obtain such permission; therefore,

Resolved, That when the Consistory of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Utica are prepared to erect a new church edifice, this Synod will unite in a transfer of the present property, on condition of the church's allowing to be incorporated in the new conveyance a provision to the same effect as that contained in the deed by which their present title is held, and that the Board of Corporation be authorized to act in behalf of Synod, whenever their action shall be required.

A. POLHEMUS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

Synod took up the subject of establishing a Sustentation Fund, the consideration of which was referred to the present meeting, (vol. 8, p. 609.) The plan for the same, which was presented at the late meeting of Synod, was amended, adopted. and is as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod shall direct the raising of a fund, to be called a Sustentation Fund, the interest of which shall be applied for the relief of clergymen, and the families of deceased clergymen, when such need aid, unless donors shall direct that their entire donations shall be distributed.

2. *Resolved*, That the officers of the Board of Direction of the Corporation shall be the officers of the trust.

3. *Resolved*, That each Classis under the jurisdiction of this Synod, be requested to appoint one Minister and two Elders, whose duty it shall be to solicit benefactions from individuals, and annual collections from all the churches within their bounds.

4. *Resolved*, That in order to receive aid from this fund, an application must be accompanied with a recommendation from the Classis within whose bounds the applicant resides.

5. *Resolved*, That the committee to be appointed by Synod, shall determine the amount of appropriations, and make such rules with regard to the fund as they may deem best, subject to the revision of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That a circular be addressed to each Church under the care of Synod, requesting it to make an annual collection for this fund.

7. *Resolved*, "That each Classis shall add a lemma on this subject."

The following rules for the distribution of the fund were adopted:

PLAN OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH.

1. The Fund shall be called "The Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church;" and shall be administered by the Board of Corporation of the General Synod of said Church, during the pleasure and under the control of General Synod.

2. The said fund shall be used for the support of, or to aid in the support of, disabled ministers, and the families of deceased ministers, *when such may be in need.* Should there be any surplus, after supplying the above, to aid in the support of those ministers whose congregations can not give them proper support, or who may be without a charge.

3. Should there be at any time more money belonging to the fund than may be immediately required, the same shall be deposited on interest in the New-York Life Insurance & Trust Company, or in the United States Trust Company, in the city of New-York; or it may be loaned on the Stocks of the City or State of New-York, or of the United States.

4. The officers of the Board of Corporation shall be the officers of the trust. The Treasurer's duty shall be to collect the income and make all payments.

5. The classes under the care of the General Synod are requested to make a Committee on Sustentation, and the churches are requested to take up a yearly collection for the fund.

6. The maximum amount to be paid to any out of the fund shall be: To a minister disabled by sickness or age, two hundred dollars per annum, and an additional sum of one hundred dollars per annum, if he has a wife living; and likewise an additional sum of fifty dollars per annum for every child under sixteen years of age. To the widow of a deceased minister, as long as she continues unmarried, two hundred dollars per annum; and an additional sum of fifty dollars per annum for every child under sixteen years of age. To children of clergymen, both of whose parents have deceased, seventy-five dollars per annum each, until they attain the age of sixteen years. To ministers not receiving sufficient support from their congregations, or otherwise, a sum, which, with what they may receive otherwise, will not exceed the sums allotted to disabled ministers and their families, as before mentioned.

7. Should the income of the fund not be sufficient for the above, the officers of the Board shall distribute the fund, dividing it amongst the applicants as they may deem best, commencing, however, in the order of distribution as prescribed in section second. Should the fund admit of larger appropriations, the maximum may hereafter be increased.

8. Applications for aid must be accompanied by a satisfactory *recommendation* from the classis to which the applicant belongs.

9. A full report of the receipts, disbursements, and proceedings of the Board shall be made each year to the General Synod.

The above plan has been prepared for a Sustentation Fund, not to interfere with the Widows' Fund; leaving the latter to accumulate for the benefit of those able to contribute to it, and placing both funds under the same officers.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of Montrose Presbytery, respectfully report that they have examined the documents placed in their hands, and collected the following facts. These facts refer to the bequest of Miss Arabella M. Bosworth, in its cause and intention, the way in which the design of the benevolent donor has been executed by the legatees, and the petition of the Montrose Presbytery to this Synod, in reference to the legacy.

As it regards the bequest of the donor in its cause and intention, we are thus informed: Miss Arabella M. Bosworth, while on a visit to her relatives residing in the town of Rush, Susquehanna Co., Penn., was deeply affected with the entire destitution of Gospel privileges in that section of country. The people were not only living without God and without hope in the world, but were without those means of grace by which men are made acquainted with God, and cheered with the hope of a blessed immortality. They were without a sanctuary in which the Divine Name might be recorded, and without an accredited ambassador from the King of Zion. To meet in part this destitution, she bequeathed a sum of money, which, with the interest, is now a little more than a thousand dollars. That part of the will which relates to this bequest, is thus expressed: "I give whatever sum of money is left, to the Home Missionary Society of the Dutch Reformed Church to support a missionary in Susquehanna county, in Pennsylvania, as long as the means given by me of support shall last." It is clear from this phraseology that Miss Bosworth intended the sum bequeathed to be used for the support of the Gospel in the destitute portion of Susquehanna county. She expressly says, for the support of a missionary in the above-named county. It is equally clear that she makes this Synod her agent in fulfilling this intention. She makes your reverend body responsible for the preaching of the Gospel in this destitute region, as far as the amount bequeathed by her will extend. So much for the cause and intention of Miss Bosworth's bequest.

The next point your committee would respectfully submit for consideration is, the way in which the design of the benevolent donor has been executed by the legatees. There is nothing on the face of her will which warrants the supposition that she intended the sum bequeathed to be placed at interest until it should increase to thousands, while in the interim, the souls, over which she yearned, should die and go up to the judgment, uncared for and unwarned. Her language is as if she *had said: As soon as I am* gone, and the amount bequeathed

for the purpose is placed at your discretion, send the man of God to this destitute people; and continue him there at least to the extent of my bequest. Your committee can not give any other interpretation to the donor's language. Now, how have the legatees fulfilled the intention of Miss Bosworth? The sum secured has been placed at interest. Nine years have passed on with their fearful record to eternity, carrying with them, beyond the reach of the Gospel, some of the very souls for whose salvation this money in its principal was appropriated. Doubtless, in this arrangement our Board of Missions considered that there was no nucleus for a Reformed Prot. Dutch Church in that part of Susquehanna county covered by the intention of the donor. And there is not now, if your committee are credibly informed, any prospect that for years to come, there will be a nucleus for a church of our persuasion under the present arrangement. The sum bequeathed by Miss Bosworth may remain at interest and accumulate until the present generation have all passed away from Susquehanna county without the Gospel, but every dollar of it will be unrighteous gain, and at the expense of souls. For the benevolent intention of the donor is not fulfilled by the accumulation of the sum bequeathed.

The next point suggested for consideration by the documents in the hands of your committee, is the petition of the Montrose Presbytery addressed to this Synod. From this petition it appears that the section of Susquehanna county referred to in the will of Miss Bosworth, is in the town of Rush, twelve miles south-west of Montrose. In this town, through the exertion of Rev. Mr. Baldwin, an enterprise, under the care of the Montrose Presbytery, has been commenced. When the church edifice now in progress shall be completed, the Presbytery propose settling a pastor over the congregation. And to aid them in sustaining the stated means of grace, they ask of this Synod the interest of the Bosworth legacy. (See petition, last paragraph.)

Your Committee feel that this petition embraces some points of no easy solution. Can this Synod, in making such an appropriation, fulfill the wishes of the testatrix? She has made this Synod the trustee of her bequest, and to carry out her intention literally, there must be secured to the inhabitants of Susquehanna county the services of a missionary, under the care of our own Domestic Board, so long as the means of support given by her shall last. If she had no denominational preferences, the sum bequeathed might have been intrusted to the Methodist or Presbyterian Board of Missions. But she had her preferences, and they were that the means of grace should be sustained in this destitute region, according to the policy, the catechisms, and the customs of her own Church.

With these considerations, your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to the Board of Domestic Missions, with instructions to make immediate use of this fund in the interests of the Reformed Dutch Church, in Susquehanna county, Penn.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev. *Dr. Chambers, offering his* resignation as chairman of the Committee

of the Church Building Fund, report that they consider the experience of Dr. Chambers, in carrying out the design of the Building Fund, as too valuable to be lost. Your committee therefore respectfully present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of Dr. Chambers be granted; that Dr. Abeel be chairman, and Dr. Chambers be continued as one of the Committee.

J. S. LORD, *Chairman.*

Whereas, the Synod have been informed, that Rev. Mr. Jerolamon and his wife take their departure for Amoy on Thursday morning,

Resolved, That a Committee of Five be appointed to wait on them at the time of their departure, and bid them farewell in the name of the Synod.

The following were appointed as said Committee: Rev. Samuel B. How, James Scott, Edward P. Stimpson; and the *Elders* Edward C. Cook, Charles Wurts.

The Committee reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod to wait on the missionaries, Rev. John Jerolamon and wife, at the time of their departure on the 25th, and bid them farewell in the name of the Synod, respectfully report that they discharged the duty assigned to them.

JAMES SCOTT, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

One hundred copies of a pamphlet, entitled "A Memorial of the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D.D.," were presented to the Synod by J. Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., and distributed among the members.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to J. Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., for the copies of this Memorial presented to the members.

An invitation was received from the American Institute to visit the Exhibition of American Manufactures, now being held in the Crystal Palace. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That their invitation be accepted; and that the Synod will visit the Exhibition of the American Institute on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock P.M.; and that the thanks of the Synod be returned to them for their politeness.

An invitation was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society to visit the Bible House, and examine its presses, machinery, bindery, etc., whereupon it was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

and, the interest of which shall be applied for the
ergymen and the families of deceased clergymen,
d. The consideration of this whole subject was in
oned to the present time; and, having been regularl
his body, still awaits its final action.

The raising of $25,000, as a Church Building Fu
eferred to on pp. 607, '8, '9. The General Synod of 1
ommittee, consisting of Rev. T. W. Chambers, (
. H. Gregory, and the Elders Abraham Van Nest a
e, to prepare a circular, setting forth the details of t
aims, and generally to aid in the accomplishment of
his Committee made their report to the General Sy
he Synod having adopted their report, approved c
itted, and intrusted the whole matter to the same
other year.

On pp. 613 and 616 is found the action of Synod, a
g, touching the Board of Publication. The General
pointed a Committee to inquire into the practicabil
g a permanent Board, to be called the "Board of Pu
formed Protestant Dutch Church;" and, if exped
lan for the same, and report to General Synod in
he the Committee reported, and the Synod unanim
t it is both expedient and practicable to organi
rd of Publication, and the necessary steps were
l Board into existence. Their first Annual Report
his body in June last, and received its unanimous a
These two latter objects are the creatures of the G
it is for her to say what she shall do with them.
, in connection with the objects of general and d
claims upon the liberality of the churches

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to invest any moneys found in his hands, belonging to the Church Building Fund, for the benefit of said fund.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that the door-keeper's bill, amounting to $14.50, has been presented to them, which they recommend to be paid.

J. C. SEARS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Consistory of the Collegiate Church in New-York, for the use of their house of worship for the sessions of General Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be presented to the families in New-York, who have so hospitably entertained the members of Synod.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the Rev. Frederick F. Cornell, Abraham Messler, Edward P. Stimpson, E. S. Hammond, John Dubois, and the Elders George W. Gerard, Teunis A. Waldron, Jacob Brinkerhoff, F. J. Hosford, John M. Wyckoff, Charles Starr, Jr., Wm. B. Hull, were absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the *city of Utica, on the* first Wednesday in June A.D. 1856, at

Official copy from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG.

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF UTICA, ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE FOURTH TO THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

THE Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Isaiah 52 : 1, "*Awake, awake! Put on thy strength, O Zion ; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New-York.

1. *From the Classis of New-York.*—Rev. John Knox, D.D., William R. Gordon, D.D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D.(7) *Elders*—Thomas Jeremiah, David Sarvan.

2. *From the South Classis of New-York.*—Rev. Charles D. Buck, Robert Kirkwood. *Elder*—Warren C. Gray.

3. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*—Rev. William Brush,(1)

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(7) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.

, ... M. Van Buren, Nicholas E. Smith.(1
ısen, Moses Webb.(1) (6)

From the North Classis of Long Island.—R
ıng, Elbert S. Porter, John S. Himrod. *Elde*
kman, Andrew Stockholm.

. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Franci
ır M. Mann,(6) Samuel Van Vechten. *Elders*-
nis Wortman, Henry D. Varick.

From the Classis of Philadelphia.—Rev. John \
Villets. *Elders*—Joseph Thompson, Henry A. I
). *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Charles I.
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. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev.—

. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John G. Jc
itcher, (1) David D. Demarest. *Elder*—Jacob

From the Classis of Westchester.—Rev. Abel T.
ıdd. *Elders*—Alexander Watson, Jacob Storm.

From the Classis of Monmouth.—Rev. Ralph W
ın, Harvey D. Ganse. *Elders*—William Spad
pson.

From the Classis of Wisconsin.—Rev. S. Bolks,
Elder—Emme Janssen.

From the Classis of Arcot (India)—Rev.—

From the Particular Synod of Alba

John A. Lansing. *Elders*—John Q. Wilson, John I. Slingerland,(3) William McElroy.(2)

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Nathan F. Chapman, John W. Hammond, Abraham H. Myers. *Elder*—John Snyder.(3)

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Richard H. Steele, Oliver Bronson. *Elders*—John De Freest, John A. Vedder.(7)

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., Polhemus Van Wyck, (8) John B. Shaw.(2) *Elders*—Abraham Marshall, Leroy Mowry, (1) Ezra Smith.(2)

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Cornelius S. Mead,(7) John I. Quick,(1) D. Van Olinda. *Elders*—George Timmerman, John Markel.(1)

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., Nathan. W. Jones, Edwin Vedder. *Elder*—Frederic Hager.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Julius H. Seelye,(1) Abraham I. Swits,(13) Peter H. Burghardt. *Elders*—Alexander G. Fonda,(8) Cornelius Groot,(2) John D. Ogsbury.(3)

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. George H. Fisher, D.D., Samuel R. Brown,(7) J. Romeyn Berry. *Elders*—Edward Adriance, Edwin P. Hopkins, (11) William I. Bacon.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Eltinge, Edward W. Bentley, James B. Ten Eyck, *Elders*—John Lyon, John N. Taylor, Egbert Millspaugh.(9)

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. William E. Turner,(8) William Johns, William D. Buckelew.(1) *Elder*—Liberty Preston.

11. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. John N. Schultz, (7) *Elders*—

12. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D. D. *Elder*—Charles Easton.

13. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. John W. Schenck, Jacob R. Van Arsdale, Joseph A. Collier. *Elder*—Jacob Hasbrouck.

14. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. A. C. Van Raalte. *Elders*—

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(3) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.

(2) Took his seat on the third day of the session.

(7) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

(8) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.

(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.

(13) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session, and obtained leave of absence on the eighth.

(11) Took his seat on the second day, and obtained leave of absence on the seventh.

(9) Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Francis M. Kip was chosen *President;* the Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. J. Mason Ferris, and Richard H. Steele, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary and adjourned sessions of the Synod were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. David D. Demarest, John Van Liew, and Abel T. Stewart; and the Elders, John Q. Wilson and Henry D. Varick.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Nathan F. Chapman, John A. Todd, and Polhemus Van Wyck; and the Elders, Abraham Marshall and John Remsen.

On Domestic Missions.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, John M. Van

Buren, J. Mason Ferris; and the Elders, Thomas Jeremiah and Warren C. Gray.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, Charles D. Buck, and John A. Lansing; and the Elders, John H. Rosa and David Sarvan.

On Accounts.—Rev. William T. Van Doren, Charles I. Shephard, and S. Bolks; and Elders, Alexander Watson and John Snyder.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, Dow Van Olinda, and James B. Wilson; and the Elders, Edward Adriance and E. Janssen.

On Correspondence.—Rev. John Knox, A. A. Willets, and J. T. M. Davie; and the Elders, Dennis Wortman and Alexander G. Fonda.

On Education.—Rev. William R. Gordon, Oscar H. Gregory, and Alexander M. Mann; and the Elders, Abraham J. Beekman and Charles Easton.

On Nominations.—Rev. Thomas C. Strong, Ralph Willis, and Oliver Bronson; and the Elders, Peter Hager and Denise Thompson.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. Abraham H. Myers, James B. Ten Eyck, and Peter H. Burghardt; and the Elders, John De Freest and William Spader.

On Publication.—Rev. Harvey D. Ganse, John S. Himrod, and J. Romeyn Berry; and the Elders, Henry A. Bower and Thomas Jeremiah.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. Ransford Wells, Elbert S. Porter, and Joseph A. Collier, and the Elders, Liberty Preston and Jacob Ten Broeck.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following Report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

REPORT OF THE "COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORTS," ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS, MAY 22, 1856.

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall, at New-Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 20th, at 11 o'clock, A.M. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. F. Hoes, D.D., President.

The *following members* were present:

Rev. T. W. Chambers, D.D.,
" F. F. Cornell,
" J. C. Sears, D.D.,
" P. D. Van Cleef,
" G. Ludlow, D.D.,
" C. E. Crispell,
" Philip Phelps, Jr.,
" A. C. Millspaugh,
" J. A. Lansing,
" J. C. F. Hoes, D.D.

Rev. R. H. Steele,
" S. T. Searle,
" Edwin Vedder,
" A. J. Swits,
" M. N. McLaren, D.D.,
" Philip Peltz,
" Oscar H. Gregory, D.D.
" J. R. Van Arsdale
" C. S. Mead,

The following Classes were not represented: Paramus, South Long Island, Passaic, and Cayuga.

The Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, D.D., was chosen President, and Rev. S. T. Searle, Clerk *pro tem.*

From the annual report of the Theological Faculty, we learn that the following students have attended the exercises of the Theological Seminary, during the past year:

Senior Class.

E. Tanjore Corwin,
James Demarest, Jr.,
Philip M. Doolittle,
J. Ferguson Harris,
Josiah Markle,
Anson F. Munn.
John Henry Oerter,
T. De Witt Talmage,
Giles Van Der Wall,
John M. Wagner,
Jacob S. Wyckoff.
—11.

Middle Class.

Henry E. Decker,
John McC. Holmes,
James Le Fevre.
J. Howard Suydam,
Henry P. Thompson,
—5.

Junior Class.

William T. Enyard,
John S. Lott,
John C. Lowe,
Joseph Mayou,
Alex. McKelvy,
Jacob Fred. Neef,
Alvin Ostrom,
Daniel Rapalje,
Fred. W. Riedel,
Jeremiah Searle, Jr.,
Mason R. Strong,
Robert G. Strong,
Augustus F. Todd,
John B. Thompson.
—14.

Total, 30.

The students of the several classes were examined on the various studies pursued in the Seminary. The senior class, in addition to their ordinary subjects of examination, gave specimens of sermons as to composition, analysis, and delivery. They were also examined on experimental religion, and the evidences of a call to labor in the duties of the Gospel ministry. Their examination being well sustained, they were unanimously recommended for their professoral certificates,

with the exception of Mr. Josiah Markle, in reference to whom the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, Josiah Markle has been absent from the exercises of the Seminary for a large proportion of the regular term of three years, during which he has been a member of the Seminary, and, whereas, the sermons which he has laid before the Board, do not give sufficient evidence of his ability to preach the Gospel unto edification, therefore,

Resolved, That the said Josiah Markle be advised to continue the prosecution of his studies in the Seminary during another year.

The sermon before the Board was preached on the evening of the first day of the session, by the Rev. M. N. McLaren, D.D., from Rom., chap. 1, v. 16.

The address to the students, at the close of the examination, was delivered by the Rev. C. E. Crispell.

The following persons were examined and recommended to the Educational Funds of the Church, with a view to prosecute their studies for the Gospel ministry:

Isaac Bailey,	from the Classis of		New-Brunswick.
Holloway W. Pierce,			
Philip Furbeck,	"	"	Schenectady.
Edward W. Bogardus,	"	"	Schoharie.
John R. Rhinehart,	"	"	Orange.

Isaac Bailey and Holloway W. Pierce are recommended to the Van Benschoten fund.

The seats of the following members are vacant, by the expiration of their terms of service, namely:

Rev. J. C. Sears, D.D.,	from Classis of		New-Brunswick.
" A. B. Winfield,	"	"	Paramus.
" Thomas C. Strong,	"	"	North Long Island.
" Philip Peltz,	"	"	Greene.
" T. W. Chambers, D. D.,	"	"	New-York.
" Richard H. Steele,	"	"	Rensselaer.
" Cornelius Van Cleef,	"	"	Poughkeepsie.
" J. Romeyn Berry,	"	"	Cayuga.
" J. C. F. Hoes, D. D.,	"	"	Ulster.

There appear to have been no appointments for the Classis of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Holland, and Arcot.

Your Committee feel that they have great reason to give thanks to the great Head of the Church, for the many blessings which have rested on our Theological Seminary during the past year. Our professors have been favored with health to continue with diligence at their posts. The attendance of the students has been punctual, and their studies prosecuted with faithfulness, and have given to their teachers pleasing evidences of piety, and of prospective usefulness in the *Christian ministry*.

In conclusion, we feel that our school of the prophets has increasing claim upon the sympathy, prayers, and coöperation of the churches. Our young men are yearly sent out to occupy the places made vacant by those who have long blown the Gospel trumpet, not only, but to occupy places in the Master's vineyard, hitherto but partially cultivated, while some have felt themselves constrained to preach Christ and him crucified, in heathen lands. The prospects of the Seminary are in every way encouraging. New students are presenting themselves with a view to the Gospel ministry, for the advantages of our Literary and Theological Seminary. Already the "Peter Hertzog Hall" greets our eyes. Its foundation has been laid, as we believe, with much prayer, faith, and remarkable benevolence, and will be finished during the present season. This will be an important event in the history of our Theological Seminary, and of the Reformed Dutch Church. While, then, we contemplate the history of the past, and the prospects of the future, and are ready to inquire, "Watchman, what of the night?" with gratitude and reason we can say, "The morning cometh."

Your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Theological Seminary is worthy of, and ought to possess, the entire confidence, the earnest prayers, and faithful coöperation of the churches. OSCAR H. GREGORY, *Chairman.*

A true copy from the Minutes.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication was received from a Committee of the Classis of New-York, requesting a dispensation in behalf of Mr. Francis Zastera, a Bohemian priest, who has applied to the Classis to be received under their care, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of New-York, in relation to collections recommended to be taken up by the churches for the new Boards of the Synod, which was read.

The subject contained in the same having been discussed at length, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The communication of the Classis of New-York indicates the existence of a misunderstanding upon the part of that Classis which the Synod feels it desirable to remove,

Resolved, That this Synod, in the formation of its Boards, and its recommendation of various charities to the several churches under its care, never has claimed to impose upon these churches, and the Classes in which they are embraced, an imperative obligation to contribute to such causes.

Resolved, That the Synod recognizes the unquestionable right of every Classis to express to the Synod its views of the feasibility and

desirableness of every plan of Church action which the Synod may have adopted.

Resolved, That the Synod recognizes with pleasure the constant and generous contributions of the Classis of New-York to the charities of our Church, and expresses its cordial hope that that Classis will, in time to come, hold the same place in its hearty coöperation with this Synod which it has in time past.

Communications were received from the Classes of Greene and Geneva, recommending certain individuals as suitable persons to receive aid from the Funds of the Synod, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. William R. Gordon, tendering the resignation of his seat as a member of the Board of Sabbath-School Union. It was

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted.

Reports in relation to amending the Constitution, by adding the following to the question, in chapter ii., art. iii., sec. 8: "Are the forms for administering the sacraments read in full, before the congregation on sacramental occasions?" (vol. 8, p. 576) were received from the South Classis of New-York, North Classis of Long Island, and the Classes of Bergen, Geneva, Greene, and Washington, which were read. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the whole subject be indefinitely postponed.

A communication was received from the Recording Secretary of the "American Systematic Beneficence Society," together with the constitution of the same, which were referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts-current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, together with the Report of John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction of General Synod respectfully report, that

since the last meeting of the Synod, articles of agreement have been executed between the General Synod and William G. Mentz, Esq., of Philadelphia, by which the exclusive right and privilege of printing, from stereotype plates, procured by him at his own cost and expense, the Books of Psalms and Hymns, as in present use, is accorded to said William G. Mentz for five years, from 15th April, 1854—he agreeing to supply the books from time to time, as they shall be needed, in style and at prices specified in said agreement—the Synod agreeing, that upon the expiration of this contract, should Mr. Mentz no longer be continued as the publisher of the books, it will purchase the plates, if found in good condition and fit for further use, at an equitable price, to be ascertained by impartial appraisers.

According to authority given them by Synod, the Board have sold the church edifice at Brunswick, Illinois, with the bell and fixtures, for two hundred dollars, less ten dollars, which had been advanced for insurance—part payable in cash, and the remainder in six months.

As directed by Synod, the Board have paid to the Board of Education, for their current expenses, two thousand dollars, heretofore invested by Synod for said Board.

The Rev. Isaac S. Demund, who has been transferred to a German Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has requested the privilege of being continued as a subscriber to the Widows' Fund. His application is herewith presented to Synod for its action thereon.

The Synod, at its session in October last, adopted a plan of a "Sustentation Fund," and appointed the Board of Corporation, as the officers of the trust, (see Minutes, pp. 22, 23.) Only two hundred and fifty dollars have been received into the treasury on behalf of this fund. The plan of the fund, and its relations to other interests and agencies, seemed to your Board to be so complex, that they have not yet been able to take any action thereon. They are apprehensive that its bearing upon the Widows' Fund, so long and anxiously cherished, and of such benign practical influence, may be injurious—perhaps disastrous. It is probable that most of the subscribers to the latter will withdraw their subscriptions, and the payments already made, that they may avail themselves of the purely gratuitous advantages of the former. Other considerations of an embarrassing kind on the subject have also presented themselves to your Board, and they venture respectfully to suggest to Synod a revision of the plan of October last.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, will show in detail and with precision, the state of the funds of Synods. These, in continuance, have been administered with care, fidelity, and success; no losses, either of principal or interest, have occurred, nevertheless the income of Synod is not equal to the claims laid upon it.

Some years since, and for a succession of years, your Board were perplexed, and often humiliated, by a deficiency of means to meet the engagements of Synod; at length, after earnest entreaty and effort, relief was afforded, and, by constant care, they were enabled, from the income of Synod, promptly to pay its expenses, as they

occurred, stated and occasional; no surplus revenue, however, remained.

The Board, therefore, admonished by past experience, have felt themselves constrained to inform Synod in almost every subsequent Annual Report, that any increase in its expenditures would involve the necessity of providing funds to meet them.

In October last, Synod (see Minutes, p. 20) added to their permanent expenses, eight hundred dollars per annum, and omitted to make any provision for payment of the same. The result has been that your Board have been obliged to borrow from a Bank, to enable them to meet the claims upon them. A debt already exists; and the present revenues of the Church fail, by about the above named annual amount, to satisfy its existing obligations.

It is respectfully but earnestly urged on Synod, to take immediate measures to provide for this deficiency in some permanent way.

The investments of Synod are believed to be safe. Nine hundred dollars have during the year been added to the Widows' Fund, making the entire fund fourteen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

On account of the Church Building Fund, one thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-two cents have been received.

Abraham Van Nest, Esq., the President of the Board, and Rev. Dr. Knox, one of the Directors, are charged to give the Synod any further information that may be desired.

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*
W. R. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*

NEW-YORK, *May* 31, 1856.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer*, 1856.

1855.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	1	Cash paid Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
	6	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., on account of six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.,.....	700	00
	16	" " the following persons their travelling expenses incurred in attending the meeting of General Synod held at New-Brunswick, 6th inst., as delegates from the Classes of Holland, Wisconsin, and Illinois, viz.:		
		Rev. C Van der Meulen, Holland, $53 00		
		I. V. D. Luyster, " 53 00		
		G. Brandt, Wisconsin,..... 53 00		
		Rev. S. V. E. Westfall, Illinois,.. 65 60		
			224	60
		" " John Terhune, for printing, paper, etc.,.....	5	20
		" " Burgan H. Van Vleet, door-keeper's bill, stationery, etc., for meeting of General Synod at New-Brunswick, 6th inst.,....	25	49
	18	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, the expenses of the Committee of Synod in attending the funeral of Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D.D.,	7	50
	25	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st inst.,.....$150 00		
		Postage, stationery, etc.,..... 6 00		
			156	00
	29	" " The American Exchange Bank, for an assignment to General Synod of a bond and mortgage of Edmund Griffin and James S. Thayer to said bank, dated 1st May, 1851,.....$7,000 00		
		1 month and 29 days' interest, 80 64		
			7,080	64
		Carried forward,.....	9,424	43

1855.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,.....	9,424	43
June	30	Cash paid B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., the balance of six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.,.....	739	72
July	3	" " John Terhune, the balance of his bill for printing catalogues of the books in the Library of the Theological Seminary,...	57	30
	5	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Genera Synod, arising from the dividends on sixty-three shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, per order of the Board of D rection, 4th June last,.....	440	50
	9	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer, one year's salary, due 10th inst.,..... .....$250 00 postage and discount,..... 4 09 for management of the Widow's Fund, one year,..... 150 00 postage and discount,..... 98	405	07
		" " Rev. Robert P. Lee, D.D., his travelling expenses as delegate from General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Nashville, Tenn.,	90	00
	20	" " James Demarest, Jun., the successful competitor for the Van Doren prize essay on Foreign Missions, for the year 1855,....	50	00
	23	" " Rev. David D. Demarest, Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, one year's salary,$10 00 incidental expenses of the Board, 3 63	13	63
August	15	" " John A. Gray, for printing 1500 copies of Minutes of General Synod, paper, binding, etc.,.....	406	50
Sept.	1	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,.....	393	75
	17	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer of the Board of Education, on account of $ 000 deposited with the Treasurer of General Synod th April, 1853, and invested for educational purposes, and repaid by their resolution 6th June last, (see Minutes, p. 581,)....	1,000	00
Oct.	27	" " Rev. Benjamin C. Lippincott, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,.....	20	00
		Carried forward,.....	13,812	15

1855.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	13,872	15
Oct.	29	Cash paid John A. Gray, for printing the Liturgy, etc.,	69	90
Nov.	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz.:		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D., $75 00		
		" Jacob A. Lansing, 56 25		
		" Israel Hammond, 75 00		
		" R. W. Knight, 75 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter, 75 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen, 75 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon, 75 00		
		Maria Rudy, 56 25		
		Jane Hunt, 28 12		
			590	62
	5	" " James Bogert, doorkeeper's bill, stationery, etc., for General Synod at their meeting in this city, 23d October last,	14	50
	10	" " Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., disbursed by him for printing 500 "Circulars to Consistories," postage, etc.,	14	00
Dec.	1	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	393	75
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	393	75
	4	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due this day,	1,451	91
	18	" " John A. Gray, for 1500 copies of Minutes of extra session of General Synod,	75	30
	24	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., a dividend on 63 shares of the Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.,	378	00
1856. January	14	" " premium of Insurance on $8000 for one year from 15th instant, on Rutger's College,	48	00
	16	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., on account of $2000 deposited with General Synod, and invested for educational purposes,	500	00
March	1	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., on account of one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	437	50
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	450	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day,	450	00
	22	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, etc., of Rut-		
		Carried forward,	19,576	88

1856.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		19,576	88
		ger's College, one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000 to said College, due 20th June last,	$300 00		
		one half of the salary of the librarian of said College, for one year, to 1st April next, ..	50 00		
		and for fuel for the College for the current year,	20 00	370	00
March	29	Cash paid Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., the balance of his salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.,		87	50
April	11	" " B. Livingston Kip, Treasurer, etc., the balance of $2000 deposited with General Synod, and invested for educational purposes,	$500 00		
		4 months and 5 days' interest, ..	12 15	512	15
		" " The Bank of New-York, on account of the principal of a note of General Synod for $2000 to said Bank, dated 1st September, 1855,		1500	00
May	1	" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due this day, viz.:			
		Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D.D., ..	$100 00		
		" Jacob A. Lansing,	75 00		
		" Israel Hammond,	100 00		
		" R. W. Knight,	100 00		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter,	100 00		
		Catharine E. Van Wagenen,	100 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon,	100 00		
		Maria Rudy,	75 00		
		Jane Hunt,	37 50	787	50
	7	" " Rev. David A. Jones, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn,		360	00
1855. July	19	" " the following clergymen their travelling expenses, incurred in attending the meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New-Brunswick on the 17th inst., viz.:			
		Rev. Thomas C. Strong, (twice,)	$6 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	8 50		
		" Samuel T Searle,	8 00		
		" C. S. Mead,	12 50		
		" Abraham I. Switz,	10 00		
		" Cornelius E. Crispell,	6 00		
		" M. N. McLaren,	3 50		
		" Aaron B. Winfield, (twice.)	9 50		
		" John C. F Hoes,	6 50		
		" Edwin Vedder	10 37		
		" J. Romeyn Berry,	15 00		
		Carried forward,		23,194	03

1856.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		23,194	03
		Rev. David D. Demarest,	4 30		
		" Jacob R. Van Arsdale,	17 00		
		" Richard H. Steele,	10 00		
		" John A. Lansing,	9 50		
		" Philip Phelps, Jr., (twice,)	9 68		
		" John A. Staats, (twice,)	4 75		
		" Philip Peltz,	5 00		
		" Cornelius Van Cleef,	6 50		
		" Paul D. Van Cleef,	1 50		
		" A. C. Millspaugh,	3 00		
				167	10
May	28	Cash paid Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, one year's salary, due 16th April last,		100	00
		" " the following clergymen their travelling expenses, incurred in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New-Brunswick, 20th inst., viz.:			
		Rev. Oscar H. Gregory,	$8 00		
		" Thomas C. Strong,	2 50		
		" Philip Phelps, Jr.,	5 75		
		" M. N. McLaren,	6 50		
		" R. H. Steele,	10 00		
		" John A. Lansing,	8 75		
		" John C. F. Hoes,	7 00		
		" S. T. Searle,	10 00		
		" C. E. Crispell,	6 50		
		" C. S. Mead,	16 75		
		" Cornelius Van Cleef,	6 00		
		" Abraham I. Switz,	12 68		
		" Edwin Vedder,	10 00		
		" J. R. Van Arsdale,	16 50		
		" Philip Peltz,	6 75		
				133	68
May	31	Balance carried to new account,		4,616	39
				28,211	20

1855.		Cr.	$	CTS.
		Balance brought from last account,.....	10,258	98
June	5	By cash received, six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st inst.,.....	70	00
	6	" " six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st inst.,.....	700	00
	28	" " a dividend on 63 shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., due 4th inst.,.....	378	00
	29	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the missionary prize essay bond given by him,....	50	00
		" " of the American Exchange Bank, five days' interest on $7000,.....	5	79
Aug.	7	" " six months' interest on bond for $1750, due 26th July last,.....	61	25
Sept.	1	" " of the Bank of New-York, loaned to General Synod on their note, dated this day, payable on demand,.....	2,000	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due 1st inst.,.....	122	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,.....	175	00
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $5750, due 1st inst.,.....	201	25
October	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 16th inst.,.....	140	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 15th inst.,.....	70	00
	18	" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due 16th inst.,.....	122	50
	25	" " six months' interest on bond for $2800, due 27th inst.,.....	98	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 22d inst.,.....	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $1500, due 16th inst.,.....	52	50
Nov.	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 10th October last,.....	70	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due this day,.....	210	00
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $7000, due 1st inst.,.....	245	00
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,.....	175	00
	6	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000, due this day,	385	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,.....	210	00
	12	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,.....	150	00
	17	" " six months' interest on $2000, balance of a bond, due 22d inst.,.....	70	00
Dec.	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th October last,.....	7	50
		Carried forward,.....	16,248	27

1855.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,	16,248	27
Dec.	4	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st inst.,	700	00
	18	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amounting to $26,000,	780	00
	22	" " six months' interest on $6000, balance of a bond, due 21st November last,	210	00
		" " a dividend on 63 shares of the stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., due 4th inst.,	378	00
1856. January	15	" " the principal of a bond of Brewster Wood for $500, assigned to General Synod, with the interest due thereon, to this date,	525	00
Feb.	1	" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1000 each, due 1st December last,	70	00
March	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	175	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due 1st inst.,	122	50
April 9		" " the balance of principal due on a bond of Judah Hammond to the General Synod for $10,000, ...$2,000 00 4 mos. and 18 days' interest, 53 67	2,053	67
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due this day,	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 15th inst.,	70	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $3500, due this day,	122	50
		" " of Rev. George G. Sill, on account of the purchase-money of the church edifice at Brunswick, Ill., sold to him by General Synod,	101	62
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $1750, due 26th January last,	61	25
	23	" " 168 days' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000,	359	33
	25	" " six months' interest on bond for $4000, due 22d inst.,	140	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for $2000, due 10th inst.,	70	00
May	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $7000, due 1st inst.,	245	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $1500, due 13th April last,	52	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2800, due 27th April last,	98	00
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $6000, due 1st inst.,	210	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,	150	00
		Carried forward,	23,292	64

1856.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward,.....	23,292	64
May	6	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $5000, due 1st inst.,.....	175	00
	7	" " of Rev. David A. Jones, this sum being the amount necessary to constitute him a member for life of the Widows' Fund,....	500	00
	8	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amounting to $26,000,.....	780	00
	9	" " one year's interest on three bonds, amounting to $8900,.....	534	00
		" " from the Classis of Philadelphia, for the contingent expenses of General Synod,.....	12	00
		" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the permanent fund of General Synod, viz.: Samuel Smith, 2 years,.....$30 00; Est. David L. Haight,..... 30 00; John Oothout,..... 30 00; Thomas C. Doremus,..... 30 00	120	00
Feb.	28	" " from two members of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, for the Sustentation Fund,.....	250	00
May	21	" " six months' interest on $6000, balance of a bond, due this day,.....	210	00
	23	" " six months' interest on bond for $2500, due 26th April,.....	87	50
		" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on the missionary prize essay bond given by him,....	50	00
		" " of the following Classes, for Minutes of General Synod, viz.: Classis of Monmouth,.....$5 10; Delegates from the West,....10 00; Classis of Philadelphia,.....15 00; " Albany, ... 8 00; " Bergen, ...30 00; " Passaic, ... 8 00; " Greene,.....16 31; " Poughkeepsie, ...12 00; " S. New-York,.....22 50; " S. Long Island,...10 50; " Bergen, ...35 00; " New-Brunswick, ..30 00; " Orange, ...20 00; " Watervliet, ...10 00; " Geneva,.....10 00	242	41
		" " collected in the following churches for the Widows' Fund, viz.: 2d R. D. Ch., Albany,..... $4 46; " Market st., N.Y., 38 25; 1st " Jersey City,... 30 98		
		Carried forward,.....	26,253	55

1856.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward,		26,253	55
		Ref. D. Ch. Bergen,	32 50		
		1st R. D. Ch. Newark,	45 00		
		Caatskill,	27 15		
		5th av. and 21st st., N.Y.,	47 20		
		Van Voorst, Jersey City,	19 67		
		Collegiate, (Middle,)	107 31		
		Minisink,	5 00		
				357	52
May	23	By cash received, collections and donations for the Church-Building Fund, viz.:			
		R. D. Ch., 1st Brooklyn, (by a lady,	$10 00		
		" Marbletown,	26 34		
		" Minisink,	6 35		
		" Livingston, N. Y.,	1 50		
		" 2d Raritan,	35 00		
		" Pompton Plains,	15 00		
		" 3d Raritan,	50 00		
		" Bergen Neck,	10 51		
		" Constantine, Mich.,	6 15		
		" Centreville,	5 00		
		" Hopewell,	59 60		
		" Thousand Isles,	3 00		
		" Leeds,	7 50		
		" Syracuse,	39 41		
		" Kinderhook,	109 84		
		" 1st N. Brunswick,	36 06		
		" Montville,	12 00		
		" Lodi, (twice,)	26 76		
		" Blooming Grove,	8 00		
		" Harlem,	37 49		
		" Schenectady,	13 52		
				519	03
June		" " of the following clergymen, their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz.:			
		Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	$20 00		
		" Edward H. May,	20 00		
		" Elbert S. Porter,	20 00		
		" Theodore L. Cuyler,	20 00		
		" James M. Compton,	20 00		
		" Ira C. Boice,	20 00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory,	20 00		
		" Nicholas D. Williamson,	20 00		
		" Andrew B. Taylor,	20 00		
		" William Lyall,	20 00		
		" David D. Demarest,	20 00		
		" Peter Stryker,	20 00		
		" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20 00		
		" Joseph Wilson,	20 00		
		" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.,	20 00		
		" John C. Van Liew,	20 00		
		" John Gray,	20 00		
		" David A. Jones,	20 00		
		Carried forward,		27,130	10

1856.	Cr.		$	cts.
	Brought forward,		27,130	10
	Rev. Peter I. Quick,	20 00		
	" Philip Peltz,	20 00		
	" Isaac M. See,	20 00		
	" Brogun Hoff,	20 00		
	" Paul D. Van Cleef,	20 00		
	" William S. Heyer,	20 00		
	" John L. McNair,	20 00		
	" James B. Hardenburgh and interest,	41 10		
	" Thomas B. Gregory,	20 00		
	" Charles Whitehead,	20 00		
	" Charles Jukes,	20 00		
	" James R. Talmage,	20 00		
	" Cyril Spaulding,	20 00		
	" Samuel M. Woodbridge,	20 00		
	" Charles S. Hageman,	20 00		
	" Richard H. Steele,	20 00		
	" Ralph Willis,	20 00		
	" Herman B. Stryker,	20 00		
	" John A. Lansing,	20 00		
	" Cornelius Blauvelt,	20 00		
	" Benjamin Bassler,	20 00		
	" Enoch Van Aken,	20 00		
	" Goyn Talmage,	20 00		
	" John M. Ferris,	20 00		
	" Cornelius Wyckoff,	20 00		
	" Oscar H. Gregory,	20 00		
	" John Du Bois,	20 00		
	" David B. Hall,	20 00		
	" James M. Compton,	20 00		
	" John C. Guldin,	20 00		
	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.,	20 00		
	" Ira C. Boice,	20 00		
	" A. B. Winfield,	20 00		
	" Garret L. Roof,	20 00		
	" Cornelius L. Van Dyck,	20 00		
			1,081	10
			28,211	20
May 31	By balance carried to new account,		4,616	39

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due General Synod of Four Thousand Six Hundred and Sixteen Dollars and Thirty-nine Cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

NEW-YORK, 31*st May*, 1856.

Annual Digest, 1856.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, etc., of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New-Jersey, etc., amounted, on the 1st April, 1856, to	$20,313	57
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1856,	2,491	53
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1856,	513	18
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	1,715	00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bond secured by mortgage on property in the State of New-Jersey, is	$2,000	00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1856	120	00
Balance in the hands of John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, 1st April, 1856,	312	11

Education Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on bonds secured by mortgages, for educational purposes,	$39,835	00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1856,	9	30
Balance of interest in his hands on that day	728	79

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction on bonds secured by mortgages, for this Fund,	$14,650	00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1855,	818	19
There has been paid to annuitants, out of the income of the Fund, during the past year, arising from interest on the Fund and payments by subscribers thereto,	1,378	12

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, *namely:*

Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (excepting three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New-York, which are not accompanied by mortgages,)		$87,215 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$13,250 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected,	6,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good,		7,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested for this Board on bond secured by mortgage,	$250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$242 41
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, etc.,	481 80
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,	$4,616 39

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, JOHN KNOX, W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

NEW-YORK, *May* 31, 1856.

So much of the above report of the Board of Direction and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education, and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Abraham Van Nest, *President;* Rev. John Knox, D. D., Theodore Frelinghuysen, and William B. Crosby, *Directors;* and Isaac Young, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Report was received from the Rev. Abraham Polhemus, the Delegate appointed to attend the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which was accepted:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The undersigned, Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian *Church, respectfully* reports, that he attended the meetings

of that body, held in the City of New-York during the last month, and that he was received with the greatest kindness and cordiality.

An opportunity was afforded him to present to the Assembly your Christian salutations, and reciprocate those expressions of fraternal affection and esteem conveyed to us, at our last synodical meeting, through their stated clerk, Rev. Dr. Leyburn. The remarks of your Delegate were responded to by Rev. Dr. McFarland, their moderator, in words, the genuine kindness and affection of which would have touched the heart of any member of the Dutch Church. Nothing could have been more cordial; and the entire body evidently sympathized in the warm-hearted and generous sentiments uttered by their speaker. The proceedings of the reverend body were conducted not only with great dignity, but also with great harmony. They are doing a great work, and it is our duty and privilege to rejoice in their prosperity.

ABRAHAM POLHEMUS.

HOPEWELL, *June* 2, 1856.

Certain documents, in reference to the state of religion in Holland, and the propriety of sending a deputation to the Church in Holland, were received, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Classis of North-Carolina, in relation to the action of the last General Synod in their case, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Rev. A. G. Vermilye, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that the resolutions of the Classis of North-Carolina referred to them, do not appear to call for any action of the Synod, inasmuch as its previous action in relation to said Classis, was in its tenor final, and intended to be respectful and courteous, and has been by the Stated Clerk transmitted to the Classis, as directed by Synod.

The documents in relation to Professor De Liefde, of Amsterdam, Holland, forwarded by the Rev. Dr. De Witt, and referred to your Committee, are painfully interesting, and well calculated to awaken the sympathy of our churches. They afford testimony going to prove that the national Church of Holland, and the universities of the kingdom, have departed far from the orthodoxy of former times, and that vital godliness is generally and greatly depressed. To counteract, as far as may be, this lamentable state of things, Mr. De Liefde is instructing pious young men with a view to the propagation of the

Gospel in its purity, by their missionary labors. In this endeavor, wisely directed, he is entitled to the countenance and prayers of all good men. To obtain pecuniary aid he has recently visited Great Britain, and written to this country.

Your Committee recommend that the subject be referred to the Rev. Dr. De Witt, to correspond with Mr. De Liefde, and express the sympathies of this Synod in his efforts to restore to the Churches of Holland a pure Gospel and a spiritual religion; and also, from other sources, to collect all attainable information respecting his enterprise, and report the same to the Synod at its next stated meeting.

They also recommend, that, should any of the ministers of our Church visit Europe during the ensuing year, they be respectfully requested previously to confer with Dr. De Witt, and to lend him their aid in obtaining the information which he is charged to procure for the future use of Synod.

By order of the Committee. JOHN KNOX, *Ch'n.*

The Committee on Correspondence, having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D. D., *Primarius;* Rev. OscarH. Gregory, D. D., *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spend a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Ransford Wells and Charles D. Buck, and the Elder, John Q. Wilson.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, be referred to the committee appointed on the devotional exercises of the Synod. The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed accordingly.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully report that a careful examination of the Minutes of the Particular Synods, while it may awaken a sense of ill-desert, nevertheless calls us to the sweet experience of mercy. It is not with gloom or despondency, we survey the past year. Though a cloud may have hung over some parts of the Church, yet the smiles of the Saviour's presence have shed

their brightness upon other portions. Some surprising and cheering facts are presented, which inspire us with gratitude for the past, and trust for the future. Several of these facts the Committee single out.

1. There has been a gratifying increase in the contributions of the churches. The Particular Synod of New-York reports: "The pecuniary contributions of the churches belonging to the Synod, furnish pleasing evidence that the Church is becoming increasingly alive to the responsibility that is upon her to give the Gospel to all the world." The Particular Synod of Albany says: "All that can be gathered, by inspection of minutes and tabular statements, shows an advance in benevolent contributions." We add, that, though, one hundred and thirty-one churches do not report one single cent, yet the remainder have collected $86,000. Never before has such an amount been recorded. It is $8,000 more than last year's report; $12,000 more than that of 1854; and about $26,000 more than that of 1853. It is encouraging to know the grace of benevolence is thus developed—that the obligations of stewardship are more and more realized. And, we believe, little springs are thus set in motion, that act not only on immortal destinies now, but that shall be perpetuated in time, and in eternity issue in wonderful and glorious results.

But the state of the treasuries of our Boards, leads us to conclude (while no doubt much has gone to the Tract, Bible and kindred institutions, to which we bid God-speed,) that payments of debts, repairs, etc., are often included in the record. The Synod of New-York name the column, "Religious and Benevolent purposes." In the Synod of Albany, it reads, "Benevolent Institutions." Now the term, "Religious," is very indefinite—it may embrace almost any contribution; while "Benevolent" belongs exclusively to outside operations; for no more than what an individual does, is what a Church does for *itself*, benevolence. But while it is desirable that the caption be uniform, and embrace only purely benevolent contributions, it is also desirable that sums for congregational purposes be reported. Should this require the omission of some column now in use, the art of multiplying by 5, renders the column, "Total of the Congregation," unnecessary. Or, it may be known how many were in communion, "per last report," by adding the dismissions, suspensions and deaths; and subtracting the accessions from the present number of communicants. The Committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the present column for contributions embrace only those that are strictly benevolent; and that a column for congregational purposes be added, which shall include all moneys raised for salaries, debts, church expenses, etc., and that, if necessary, the column headed, "Total of the Congregation," be dropped.

It is believed this arrangement would relieve many conscientious consistories from unjust comparisons, remove a great disadvantage, and indicate more completely the condition of all the churches, which is the first object of our Church Reports.

Whereas there has been referred to us a copy of the circular letter *and Constitution of the* "American Systematic Beneficence Society," *the Committee would also* propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Synod recommend, to the individual members and ecclesiastical bodies of our Church, the practical adoption of the great scriptural principle of "giving according as the Lord hath prospered" each one.

Resolved, That it be enjoined on the Consistories to render full reports of membership and contributions.

2. A second fact the Committee notice, is the cheering accessions to the Church from the world. The Synod of Albany, mourning last year the withholding of the Spirit, have had their sorrow turned into joy. They say: "The statements of the various Classes, in regard to the progress of the Saviour's kingdom, are full of interest. We thank God, they are often grateful acknowledgments of his converting and reviving grace." The Synod of New-York say: "The evidence comes up from all the Classes, that God has not left them." And we remark that one Classis, in our bounds, report an addition of over 250 members on confession alone; two report like additions of between 200 and 250 each; and twelve between 90 and 200 each. The additions on confession are 2562, on certificate, 1483; in all, 4045. Sixty-three churches do not report. Last year, the additions were, 3083, fifty-one churches not reporting. It is a question of profound significance, what relation has this increase to the enlarged benevolence of the Church? Is it not a practical comment upon God's true and faithful saying, "He that watereth, shall be also watered himself?"

3. A third cheering fact is the increase of the number of churches in our connection. Not to speak of the Classis of Arcot, and several new unreported organizations at the West, we have three hundred and seventy-four churches—an increase of at least ten. Should not the Divine blessing encourage us to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our spiritual inclosure? It can not be truly said, that the increase of our churches, the past year, has been without a corresponding increase of members.

But, brethren, it is not *our* increase, in which we most rejoice, or for which we chiefly labor, as *His*, of whom it was said: "He must increase." It is *for* Christ, and *with* Christ we labor, and *in Him* we rejoice. He *must* increase. We may be clogs upon the triumphal chariot of the Redeemer, but we can not retard its blessed progress. And, whether we share in its extension or not, the glory of the cross shall tip the summits of the distant hills, and pour its splendor into the lowest vales, and the earth shall roll along its orbit a redeemed and sanctified creation.

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4. One more merciful dealing of our God we notice. The number removed by death, has not been as large, by fifty, as it was the year before. But our ministry has suffered the same diminution. Six have departed to the assembly on high—Rev. J. D. Fonda, of the Classis of Washington; Rev. J. A. Lansing, of the Classis of Watervliet; Rev. S. V. E. Westfall, of the Classis of Illinois; Rev. H. Eckel, of the Classis of Greene; Rev. B. Hoff, of the Classis of Hudson; and Rev. Mr. Gardinier, of the Classis of Holland. We shall meet them no more, till we stand with them before the great white throne. But their funeral knells are solemn strokes upon *our* hearts. We are admonished we soon must follow them. We are called to work while the day lasts, for the night cometh in which no man can work. But when the night-shadow has fallen, our work is not lost. Our influence projects its penumbra into eternity; and our sermons have echoes that shall reverberate through the Judgment Hall.

The Lord grant that, when the silver cord, that has run through all the web of our mortal life, is broken, and the freed soul goes upward, there may kindle before us the glories of a celestial reward, and a Saviour's welcome break, in unutterable sweetness, upon our ear.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES D. BUCK, *Chairman of Committee.*

CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last report.	Communicants. Recd On Confession	Communicants. Recd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes. $ c.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
New-York	John Knox T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	420	2600	1248	37	48	61*	..	20	1252	40	..	....	60	6	704	583	19000 00	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " 8 West 37th St., " 64 West 27th St., "
Broome Street	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, S.C., and U. Marvin	300	1500	598	11	18	16	1	5	604	25	1	244	61	1	354	250	816 12	46 Hammond St., " 732 Greenwich St., "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	....	128	1	2	2	..	..	129	3	..	....	....	1	150	80	113 29	9 Hammond St., "
Twenty-first St.	A. R. Van Nest, Jr.	136	704	199	15	4	4	..	5	209	21	..	80	64	1	220	154	638 49	115 West 23d St., "
North-west 23d St.	J. B. Hardenbergh	....	....	....	11	17	27	..	4	....	19	5	50	....	1	125	70	405 00	95 West 23d St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Ch.	J. C. Guldin	....	775	529	59	4	10	1	4	577	44	..	40	....	2	310	261	301 37	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	Vacant	....	....	41	..	2	10	..	..	33	3	..	....	....	1	95	65	37 14	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th St.	C. M. Jameson	37	180	48	8	6	1	..	1	61	14	2	100	....	1	125	100	122 61	99 East 40th St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	60	400	70	1	2	2	..	1	70	6	..	50	....	1	150	100	.....	180 Ninth Av., "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	146	700	208	4	10	4	1	2	214	4	1	....	....	..	....	....	500 00	122d St. and 3d Av. "
Washington Heights	Charles Whitehead	37	175	26	3	8	4	2	..	31	6	1	12	20	1	....	....	.....	
Mott Haven	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	209	13	4	1	..	4	221	27	..	....	20	1	240	180	415 00	Port Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots, (S. I.)	T. B. Gregory,	19	95	18	3	..	1	..	..	20	3	..	30	....	1	90	50	30 00	Rossville, S. I.
Richmond, (S. I.)	T. R. G. Peck	55	160	38	9	2	....	..	..	49	..	..	....	....	1	150	125	.....	
Central, 9th St.	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
3d G. R. P. D. Ch. N.Y.	Vacant	20	100	43	12	..	....	2	..	53	9	..	....	....	1	30	....	.....	
Ger. Ref. at Harlem	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Tottenville, (S. I.)	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

* 84 to constitute the Central Church in Ninth street.

...sters without charge—Rev. Drs. P. I. Van Pelt, C. C. Vermeule, and C. C. Van Arsdale, and Rev. A. N. Kittle, Henry V. Voorhees, J. Mulligan, E. H. May, ... Candidate—F. N. Zabriskie, Pastor elect of Livingston Church.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW-YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Stapleton	A. R. Thompson	....	....	162	31	10	8	..	3	192	23	2	...	50	2	301	240	$1292 99	Stapleton, Staten Island.
Tompkinsville	P. M. Brett	85	425	131	9	5	8	2	3	132	26	2	125	35	2	250	200	402 50	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch	J. M. Macauley	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	New-York City.
Market Street	T. L. Cuyler	200	1200	402	34	26	14	..	4	445	13	11	300	....	2	400	320	3850 00	New-York City.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	202	1000	325	24	24	19	..	4	350	20	2	200	40	2	200	136	4157 19	New-York City.
Manhattan	F. F. Cornell & E. W. Collier	100	....	241	3	5	16	..	1	232	8	..	110	50	2	150	80	342 92	New-York City.
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, S. C.	70	350	145	10	5	11	..	1	148	28	3	40	....	1	100	70	245 75	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Courtlandtown	J. B. Steele	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Crugers, Westchester Co.
Peekskill	C. D. Buck	42	200	38	5	5	2	..	3	43	3	4	35	25	1	53	45	79 00	Peekskill.
6th Av. Ref. Prot. D.	J. McKee	52	....	51	5	5	..	..	1	60	4	1	....	....	1	63	....	51 00	New-York City.
German Ref. P. Dutch	A. Berkey	59	....	115	24	..	..	..	..	139	62	..	23	35	1	105	85	26 37	New-York City.
4th Ger. Ref. Dutch.	J. S. Ebaugh	50	....	....	61	..	6	..	6	....	25	..	....	....	..	125	....	.....	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. Dr. Mathews; Rev. Dr. Westbrook; Rev. Robert Kirkwood; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Charles Knouse; Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of the University of N. Y. City; and Rev. R. Quin Chaplain of Sailor's Snug Harbor.

CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last report.	Communicants. Reed On Confession	Communicants. Reed On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	175	962	404	10	5	5	..	2	410	9	2	50	....	4	....	225	.....	Somerville, N. J.
1st New-Brunswick	Samuel B. How	....	....	440	6	3	16	1	3	429	11	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	New-Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	161	940	236	11	8	7	..	3	245	10	2	75	35	6	260	....	$596 00	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	175	875	....	9	6	*27	..	3	328	13	2	125	....	6	....	....	480 00	Millstone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	130	650	214	7	4	6	..	2	217	7	1	80	....	5	....	....	242 65	Pluckamin, "
White House	Aaron Lloyd	100	450	91	6	8	10	..	1	94	13	..	....	....	4	150	120	74 07	Whitehouse, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburgh	160	800	198	6	1	5	..	..	200	10	1	....	....	3	....	100	165 00	Lebanon, "
North Branch	Vacant	85	340	80	..	..	4	..	2	74	4	..	....	....	..	....	....	38 00	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick	125	600	250	14	17	9	1	5	281	22	4	129	....	4	200	175	279 40	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. Addison Van Doren	95	475	166	2	6	4	1	4	165	9	1	60	....	2	130	110	365 33	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Edwd. P. Livingston	83	430	134	3	4	7	..	2	132	7	..	45	63	2	110	80	216 75	Griggstown, "
2d New-Brunswick	S. M. Woodbridge, S. C.	110	....	155	7	21	11	..	2	170	13	..	80	25	1	91	59	353 89	New-Brunswick, "
Boundbrook	William Demarest	70	305	88	6	13	4	..	1	102	6	2	60	20	1	75	50	469 87	Boundbrook, "
Peapack	William Anderson	87	435	114	3	4	3	..	1	117	6	1	15	....	1	120	100	75 00	Peapack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	86	450	110	4	1	5	..	1	109	7	..	20	20	1	50	....	90 00	Somerville, "
Third Raritan	James A. H. Cornell	110	550	131	9	18	17	1	4	136	10	2	80	30	1	160	105	427 70	Raritan, "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	62	300	73	5	7	1	..	1	83	3	2	....	10	1	73	....	354 00	Easton, Pa.
3d New-Brunswick	Franz M. Schneeweiss	30	140	50	14	9	2	5	..	62	3	..	6	11	1	50	30	72 98	New-Brunswick, N. J.
East-Millstone	Vacant	....	....	†18	..	3	2	..	..	19	2	..	....	....	1	....	25	.....	Millstone, "
Warren	Vacant	....	....	‡19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

* 17 dismissed to form the church at East-Millstone. † Organized with 18 members, Oct. 9, 1855. ‡ Organized with 19 members, Feb. 5, 1856.

Ministers without Charge—Alexander McClelland, D.D.; John Proudfit, D.D.; I. W. Serinbets; John Van Derveer, D.D.: Wm. I. Thompson; C. R. Von Romondt; Wm. H. Steel; H. B. Stryker; John I. Morris; Robert I. Blair.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Bergen	Benj. C. Taylor	300	1500	316	9	21	7	..	6	333	29	1	130	22	1	192	130	$1180 18	Hudson, Huds. co., N.J.
English Neighd.	A. B. Taylor	86	370	82	1	....	2	..	..	81	3	..	40	50	2	80	70	33 57	English Neig. " "
Hackensack	Alex. H. Warner, S. C.	100	500	136	3	1	16	..	2	122	12	..	25	25	1	65	50	177 00	Hacken. Bergen co., "
Schraalenbergh	Corn. Blauvelt	160	700	148	2	2	1	..	..	151	13	..	90	30	3	140	100	200 00	Schraalenb. " "
Belleville	Vacant	157	650	185	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	160	120	3	260	210	.....	Belleville, Essex co., "
Jersey City	Vacant	65	325	70	1	6	2	..	3	72	3	..	40	40	1	78	51	330 00	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
Bergen Neck	A. L. Stillwell	75	375	62	3	4	3	..	1	66	4	..	29	4	2	60	45	35 00	Salterville, " "
1st Church, Newark	James Scott	325	1600	516	18	8	12	..	4	526	25	2	380	300	1	400	325	.....	Newark, Essex co., "
Clintonville	Vacant	60	250	42	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	1	75	50	89 92	Irvington, " "
1st Church, Van Vorst	P. D. Van Cleef	135	675	174	11	18	20	..	3	180	29	5	92	25	1	202	108	852 60	Jers. City, Huds. co., "
New-Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	120	600	80	6	....	2	..	..	84	13	1	60	22	1	160	111	117 50	New-Durham, " "
2d Church, Newark.	Gustavus Abeel	105	525	151	7	7	2	..	1	162	12	3	60	90	1	156	100	376 96	Newark, Essex co., "
3d Church, Newark.	F. A. Lehlback	107	540	227	122*	21	86	..	11	273	312	..	40	40	1	115	90	.....	" " "
Hoboken	Charles Parker	45	200	23	3	16	....	..	..	42	4	1	48	5	1	53	35	156 00	Hoboken, Huds. co., "
3d Church, Jers. City.	J. Paschal Strong	63	300	52	5	16	7	..	..	66	9	..	50	....	1	100	80	178 00	Jersey City, " "
Ger. Ev. Ch., N. Berg.	L. Mohn	60	300	56	8	....	....	2	..	62	48	..	20	35	1	70	60	17 10	N. Durham, " "
Hudson, N. J	F. L. King	40	180	48	....	....	9	..	..	39	1	..	25	7	1	40	25	.....	Hudson, " "
Bergen Point	Jacob C. Dutcher	54	270	42	2	....	1	..	2	43	4	1	45	30	1	60	50	201 76	Bergen Point, " "
Franklin	P. S. Talmage, S. S.	54	300	28	8	8	2	..		40	3	..	131	32	1	131	95	217 23	Franklin, Essex co., "
2d Ch., Hackensack	Vacant	32	135	....	1	2	....	..	1	14	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Hackensack, Bergen co.

* A portion of these is of persons emigrating from foreign countries, previously in church communion.

Ministers without Charge—Rev. James Romeyn, (*Emeritus*;) John Garretson, Cor. Sec. Board of Dom. Missions; John L. Chapman, Teacher; M. Lusk; James M. Bruen; Alexander W. McClure, Cor. Sec. Am. & For. Christ. Union.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Clarkstown	P. J. Quick	110	417	134	3	1	..	..	2	136	8	..	36	....	1	....	45	$243 27	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	I. D. Cole	121	500	136	4	3	1	..	6	136	7	1	12	12	1	....	30	83 00	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk	Vacant	210	1110	207	3	..	4	..	3	203	17	..	80	....	4	....	....	207 00	Acquacknonk, N. J.
1st Church, Totawa	E. Wiggins	176	700	168	11	12	..	..	5	188	49	..	....	16	1	....	160	175 00	Paterson, N. J.
2d Church, Totawa	John H. Duryea, S. C.	160	700	228	4	6	2	..	7	229	31	..	80	20	2	....	160	85 00	Paterson, N. J.
Paramus	A. B. Winfield	160	800	169	..	2	2	..	4	165	12	..	82	85	4	....	167	87 75	New-Prospect, N. J.
Pasgack	J. T. Demarest	70	....	68	3	4	2	..	..	73	7	..	....	....	1	....	....	18 00	Pasgack, N. J.
Saddle River	John Manley	77	275	90	2	2	1	..	5	88	8	..	21	....	1	....	30	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
Wt. N. Hempsted	Peter Allen	70	315	....	5	1	1	..	..	70	..	..	12	....	..	....	....	152 00	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Ramapo	W. T. Van Doren	72	350	68	..	..	..	..	..	68	4	..	....	....	1	....	60	30 00	Sufferns, N. Y.
Warwick	F. H. Vanderveer	75	....	86	2	1	..	..	..	87	1	..	25	....	..	....	....	110 00	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack	Vacant	105	400	131	3	..	..	..	..	134	2	3	....	....	1	....	115	52 20	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont	Vacant	80	450	77	6	5	2	..	1	85	11	2	35	40	1	....	50	141 73	Piermont, N. Y.
	Total	1466	5917	1532	46	37	15	..	33	1664	127	6	383	193	18	....	817	$1384 95	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. W. R. Bogardus; Rev. B. Van Zandt, Nyack, N. Y. *Candidate*—Wm. G. Haselborth.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Brooklyn	A. P. Van Gieson	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Brooklyn.
Flatbush	T. M. Strong	90	500	129	2	1	5	..	5	122	5	..	25	....	2	....	60	$1244 67	Flatbush.
New-Utrecht	R. O. Currie	80	450	126	4	2	..	..	2	130	10	1	60	15	1	100	80	722 00	New-Utrecht.
Gravesend	A. I. Labagh	70	400	100	..	1	..	..	..	101	5	..	40	....	2	....	....	.....	Gravesend.
Flatlands	J. T. M. Davie	74	335	81	2	2	1	..	..	85	6	..	65	16	2	109	87	.....	Flatlands.
New-Lots	J. M. Van Beuren	60	300	91	8	1	1	..	2	97	5	2	40	30	1	60	40	79 00	East New-York.
East New-York	Vacant	65	370	90	1	1	5	..	..	90	1	..	30	25	1	100	90	.....	East New-York.
South-Brooklyn	J. H. Manning	27	125	21	2	2	..	..	..	25	3	..	26	14	1	40	30	35 55	Brooklyn.
Middle-Brooklyn	N. E. Smith	160	750	237	13	31	10	..	5	266	14	3	....	....	1	230	170	.....	Brooklyn.
North-Gowanus	N. P. Peirce	80	400	68	6	8	3	..	2	77	9	..	50	30	1	125	100	218 34	Brooklyn.
North-Brooklyn	A. Elmendorf	125	600	135	20	18	7	..	1	165	24	4	100	90	1	190	139	313 92	Brooklyn.
On the Heights ditto	G. W. Bethune	175	950	290	15	14	12	..	3	304	5	2	135	60	4	555	308	3792 87	Brooklyn.
New-Brooklyn, ditto	Conrad Dickhaut	33	180	69	17	2	..	..	..	88	14	..	20	20	1	72	58	5 00	East New-York.
East-Brooklyn	Vacant	35	125	35	....	....	..	..	..	35	1	..	30	....	1	85	65	25 00	Brooklyn.
	Total	1074	5485	1472	90	83	44	..	20	1585	102	12	571	300	19	1566	1227	$6437 15	

Ministers without Charge—R. D. Van Kleek; M. W. Dwight, D.D., and D. McL. Quackinbush, S. C., in charge of the Chapel of the Church on the Heights.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG-ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Jamaica	John B. Alliger	206	1060	238	4	3	3	..	3	239	14	1	....	....	4	225	....	.....	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	Thomas C. Strong	145	725	121	6	3	..	..	2	128	7	..	75	25	2	150	120	$550 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	J. A. De Baun	94	682	112	1	1	2	..	1	111	6	..	15	....	1	30	....	54 47	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North-Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	42	2	..	..	..	..	44	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	80 00	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	160	750	212	9	10	4	..	3	223	11	2	150	30	2	432	375	898 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	56	300	69	4	5	1	..	..	77	8	..	35	25	1	60	....	778 00	Astoria, L. I.
Green Point	Goyn Talmadge	75	375	....	4	19	3	..	3	59	3	..	20	40	1	80	55	80 00	Green Point, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, S.C.	60	300	55	2	7	6	..	..	58	5	..	12	30	1	75	50	375 43	Flushing, L. I.
South-Bushwick	John S. Himrod	50	....	40	1	3	..	..	1	43	7	..	....	....	1	100	60	80 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Church on Lee Avenue	Wm. W. Halloway	70	400	36	26	24	2	..	1	83	12	7	100	30	1	624	420	500 00	" "
East-Williamsburg	Vacant	30	120	....	9	13	..	..	..	22	2	1	....	....	1	96	75	20 00	" "

Ministers without Charge—Rev. John W. Ward; Rev. E. R. Atwater; Rev. A. A. Marcellus; Rev. P. S. Williamson; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop; Rev. John Gray, (since dismissed to Classis of Cayuga.)

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
1st Ch. Poughkeepsie	A. M. Mann, S. C.	200	1000	....	15	10	1	..	3	335	8	2	....	....	1	228	113	$1038 39	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill	Francis M. Kip	....	....	156	5	3	3	3	3	158	2	1	45	35	1	85	60	780 55	Fishkill Village.
New-Hackensack	C. Van Cleef	120	650	229	3	..	5	..	4	223	2	1	....	30	3	60	50	152 00	New-Hackensack.
Hopewell	A. Polhemus	90	450	....	12	..	3	..	5	190	3	4	25	60	2	....	60	228 00	Hopewell.
Rhinebeck	Vacant	165	775	245	22	5	3	..	11	258	13	5	80	....	3	140	115	412 38	Rhinebeck.
Fishkill Landing	Vacant	62	263	104	1	1	..	..	2	102	..	..	48	31	1	100	80	242 00	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	90	....	153	2	..	1	..	1	151	3	..	....	....	4	80	60	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	Henry Dater	85	410	135	17	6	7	1	1	149	10	9	40	12	1	70	....	39 51	Hyde Park.
Glenham	John H. Bevier	50	250	82	4	1	3	..	3	81	2	..	60	20	1	86	60	63 00	Glenham.
Poughkeepsie, 2d	C. S. Hageman	100	450	96	9	2	8	..	1	98	1	2	25	50	1	....	60	493 06	Poughkeepsie.
Cold Spring	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	....	....	1	60	50	.....	Cold Spring.
	Total	962	4248	1711	90	28	34	4	44	1572	44	24	328	248	19	934	708	$3446 69	

Ministers without Charge—Rev. S. Van Vechten; Rev. Wm. A. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation. *	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Harlingen	John Gardiner.....	150	750	188	10	6	8	..	2	194	17	4	50	150	6	320	260	$330 00	Harlingen.
Readington.....	John Van Liew.....	180	900	256	2	5	7	..	4	252	16	..	.....	.....	5	230	....	305 00	Readington.
New-Shannock.....	Gabriel Ludlow.....	170	600	....	5	8	8	..	4	185	12	..	80	50	4	100	....	324 00	
1st Church, Phila...	A. A. Willets.....	200	1000	328	16	29	15	1	..	357	14	9	200	30	2	400	300	1500 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
2d Church, Phila...	J. F. Berg	132	700	....	12	16	4	..	2	220	6	..	.....	.....	2	250	175	800 00	do.,
3d Church, Phila...	W. J. R. Taylor.....	105	600	187	11	10	9	..	5	194	3	3	130	40	1	130	110	1900 00	do.,
N. & S. Hampton ..	A. O. Halsey.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	339 30	
Blawenburgh.....	T. B. Romeyn, S. C...	105	500	139	9	1	3	1	1	144	6	3	30	50	6	....	....	600 10	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	Horace Doolittle	100	500	161	5	3	2	1	3	163	8	..	95	38	3	141	....	71 00	Stanton, "
Manayunk.....	William Fulton	55	200	....	37	18	1	..	..	93	7	4	12	35	1	90	75	50 00	Manayunk, Pa.

Ministers without Charge—Rev Peter Labagh, D.D.; Rev. Jno. Talmage, Missionary to China; C. P. Wack; Cornelius Gates. Gilbert Lane, *Candidate.*

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Pompton Plains....	Charles J. Shepard....	192	860	192	6	..	2	..	6	190	9	..	55	60	4	260	130	$115 15	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton.....	John Gaston.....	125	650	178	8	5	1	..	4	186	11	1	60	30	3	180	125	187 00	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	107	..	..	..	..	..	107	7	..	40	30	2	100	90	37 00	Little Falls, Passa. co., N. J.
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	178	840	164	6	5	1	..	2	172	12	..	40	30	4	200	150	127 90	Montville, Morris co., N. J.
Preakness	John A. Staats, S. C...	86	430	61	..	1	..	..	..	62	4	..	33	26	1	86	65	105 74	Paterson, N. J.
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins ..	72	180	52	..	..	2	..	..	50	11	..	18	18	1	36	28	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Wyckoff	Abraham G. Ryerson..	90	450	88	..	2	6	..	..	84	7	..	20	15	2	45	40	32 0 0	Paterson, N. J.
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank...	60	300	71	3	1	4	..	3	68	8	..	20	....	1	80	60	53 00	Little Falls, N. J.
Stone House Plains.	Peter S. Talmage.....	120	550	49	3	..	..	..	..	52	3	1	50	....	1	100	....	26 00	Bloomfield, N. J.
Boardville.....	Vacant.....	45	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	45	....	.....	
	Total.....	1048	4860	962	26	14	16		15	971	72	2	336	209	20	1132	688	$683 79	

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Fairview	Abraham D. Wilson	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pekin, Tazewell Co., "
Spring Lake	S. A. Bumstead	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	" " "
Honey Creek	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Honey Cr'k, Henderson Co.
Silver Creek	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Silver Creek, Steph. Co., Ill.
Vanderveer	Samuel B. Ayers, S. C.	17	....	11	4	9	..	..	1	23	2	1	30	1	1	....	....	.....	Pleas't Plains, Sang., "
Burlington	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Burlington, Iowa.

Minister without Charge—S. V. E. Westfall.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Hudson	D. D. Demarest, S. C.	140	600	166	8	9	4	2	3	174	2	4	120	....	1	160	100	$313 39	Hudson.
1st Claverack	Ira C. Boice	200	1000	309	3	5	8	..	2	307	8	2	....	....	4	200	150	60 00	Claverack.
2d Claverack	John H. Pitcher	110	500	70	..	..	2	..	..	68	3	..	*30	....	3	....	80	110 00	Mellenville, Columbia co.
Linlithgow	C. E. Crispell	160	900	196	4	3	5	..	2	196	13	3	48	21	7	265	190	61 00	Livingston.
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	70	250	77	2	2	....		2	79	4	..	....	....	2	....	....	81 00	Upper Red Hook.
Greenport	Vacant	85	500	73	5	..	....		1	77	2	1	40	16	3	100	....	.....	Hudson, Columbia co.
Germantown	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....		..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Taghkanick	William Lyall	80	200	95	16	..	....		2	109	16	1	....	....	4	....	....	.....	Copake, "
	Total	845	3950	986	38	19	19	2	12	1010	11	11	238	37	24	725	520	$625 39	

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Tarrytown	Abel T. Stewart, S. C.	101	428	140	19	17	1	..	4	176	3	8	60	100	1	180	100	$153 00	Tarrytown, West. co., N.Y.
Second Tarrytown	John A. Todd	87	435	117	9	11	6	..	2	129	5	4	....	100	1	143	84	638 66¼	" " "
Fordham	James Bolton*	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Unionville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Greenburg	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
West Farms	Vacant	30	....	80	..	..	12	..	1	70	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	West Farms, " "
Greenville	Vacant	43	200	45	4	1	..	..	1	49	..	1	....	....	1	....	....	.....	
Bronxville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Yonkers	V. M. Hulbert	85	425	97	2	11	2	..	..	108	9	..	40	40	1	80	60	65 00	Yonkers, " "
Hastings	Philip Phelps, Jr.	50	....	24	..	5	1	..	..	28	4	..	....	...	1	....	44	264 56	Hastings on Hudson, "
Mount Vernon	Isaac M. See	52	....	46	10	10	8	..	..	58	6	8	....	....	1	80	....	116 48	Mount Vernon, "
Melrose, German		....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

* Pastor elect.

Minister without Charge—B. Van Keuren.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Freehold.....	Ralph Willis.....	100	475	135	7	5	6	..	2	139	6	3	30	30	2	60	50	$240 33	Marlboro', Mon. Co., N. J.
Second Freehold.....	Hervey D. Ganse.....	90	450	127	4	3	..	1	4	129	4	1	60	40	1	70	60	252 00	Freehold, " "
First Middletown...	William Reiley.....	110	550	126	4	1	..	..	4	127	2	3	.....	.....	2	100	....	230 50	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood.....	A. Vandewater.....	45	200	60	4	1	1	..	4	60	2	1	.....	.....	4	180	140	.....	Spotswood, " "
Middletown Village.	A. C. Millspaugh, S. C.	65	360	107	..	..	4	..	1	102	6	..	30	25	1	60	100	100 00	Middletown, " "
Keyport.....	Samuel Lockwood.....	40	200	43	2	1	..	..	2	44	4	1	25	25	1	40	30	50 00	Keyport, " "
Long Branch.....	Jas. B. Wilson.....	42	200	31	1	3	..	..	..	35	1	..	12	15	2	50	40	68 42	Long Branch, " "

Minister without Charge—Rev. Garret C. Schanck.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Milwaukie	S. Bolks, S. C.	114	460	....	55	20	14	2	4	210	26	1	70	110	..	....	....	$105 20	M'waukie, box 449
Franklin	.....	17	76	....	37	14	..	..	..	34	4	..	22	....	..	....	....	24 95	"
Bethlehem	.....	24	112	....	11	12	..	..	2	47	10	..	16	25	..	....	....	4 22	"
High and Low Prairie	M. Ypma	71	200	....	17	5	3	..	..	92	19	..	19	24	..	....	....	25 40	Hoope, Cook Co., Ill.
Chicago	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Holland	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Oostburgh	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Mission to the poor in the West	J. A. Davenport	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last report.	Communicants. Recd On Confession	Communicants. Recd On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1st Church of Albany	Vacant	265	1200	445	2	1	35	..	6	407	6	..	....	....	1	142	115	$2464 54	Albany.
2d do. do.	I. N. Wyckoff, S.C.	279	1331	575	11	9	26	..	9	560	33	1	45	12	1	180	120	1538 80	Ditto.
3d do. do.	Alex. Dickson	80	400	....	15	1	3	..	1	169	..	..	....	....	1	110	95	166 33	Ditto.
1st do. Bethlehem	John Simonson	180	900	239	20	1	6	..	5	249	11	3	117	127	5	238	157	174 37	Cedar Hill.
2d do. do.	John A. Lansing	108	530	137	1	..	3	..	2	133	3	..	....	20	2	120	90	340 21	Albany.
Union	J. M. Compton	45	205	47	..	..	1	..	1	45	4	..	22	8	1	46	30	17 53	Clarksville
Jerusalem		77	349	61	16	2	1	..	3	75	10	3	49	....	1	....	....	20 50	Ditto.
Coeymans	Gardner*	90	500	65	8	..	2	..	2	69	..	3	....	26	2	60	48	.....	Coeymans.
New-Baltimore		67	370	63	1	4	..	..	.	68	2	..	....	....	1	100	75	.....	New-Baltimore.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	56	300	95	..	..	..	..	..	95	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ditto.
Salem	Vacant	100	500	139	..	3	4	..	..	138	9	..	30	....	1	46	25	.....	Salem.
Westerlo	Ditto	100	400	120	..	..	1	..	3	116	..	..	....	....	3	100	70	.....	Westerlo.
2d Church, Berne	Ditto	52	200	112	..	..	..	..	..	112	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Berne.
Knox	Ditto	20	100	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Knox.
Clarksville	Ditto	35	145	13	1	4	..	..	..	18	..	..	....	....	1	35	25	2 00	Clarksville.
Holland Church	Ditto	25	100	....	50	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Albany.
German Church	H. Schnellendreussler	10	50	....	29	1	1	..	..	29	6	..	....	26	1	61	25	20 73	Ditto.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. Van Vechten, J. P. Pepper, Wm. A. Miller, J. H. Pettingill, C. Gates, B. F. Murden, J. Middlemas, W Davis. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Blue Mountain	Alex. C. Hillman.....	80	300	43	5	1	..	..	..	49	9	..	20	20	1	70	45	$25 00	Saugerties.
Caatsban.....	Henry Ostrander.....	100	600	96	8	..	..	..	2	102	14	..	....	....	2	....	....	222 00	Ditto.
Esopus.....	J. McFarlane	160	800	178	9	3	3	..	1	186	9	2	30	43	1	....	55	107 18	Amesville.
Flatbush	John Gosman.....	120	650	201	6	1	2	..	2	204	8	1	....	....	4	80	....	45 00	Glasco.
Kingston.....	J. C. F. Hoes.....	200	1000	433	22	11	20	1	5	440	21	..	70	40	2	180	100	700 42	Kingston.
North-Esopus	A. H. Myers	80	400	77	8	4	..	..	1	88	8	2	80	50	1	167	66	61 64	Rondout.
Plattekill	N. L. Chapman, S. C...	150	785	154	7	..	2	..	2	157	14	..	25	40	3	70	....	66 68	Glasco.
Saugerties.....	J. Elmendorf	95	383	....	8	8	2	..	1	112	2	4	....	55	1	104	84	502 54	Saugerties.
Shokan	J. W. Hammond	200	800	95	10	2	..	..	2	105	6	4	....	80	3	200	70	.....	Shokan.
Shandaken	Ditto	35	100	35	2	2	..	..	..	39	4	..	....	....	2	100	50	.....	Ditto.
Woodstock	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Woodstock.
West-Hurley.....	A. Gulick	55	250	44	4	5	..	..	1	52	9	2	30	43	1	....	55	107 18	West-Hurley.

Ministers without Charge.—**Rev. A. Fort, C. L. Van Dyck, Wesley Taylor.**

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Castleton	E. P. Stimpson	100	500	53	70	8	1	..	1	129	31	22	....	....	1	50	....	$30 00	Castleton.
Chatham	Edwin Holmes	65	350	53	3	2	2	..	..	56	5	..	30	....	3	90	60	73 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
Blooming Grove	Cyril Spaulding	70	350	67	1	..	..	..	1	67	1	1	15	....	1	25	....	75 00	Defreestville.
1st Ch. Ghent	Wm. W. Letson*	....	....	55	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ghent.
2d Ch. Ghent	John H. Van Woert	80	400	104	25	2	..	..	3	128	10	1	80	60	1	80	....	200 00	Hudson.
Greenbush	James R. Talmage	160	810	182	2	3	1	..	3	183	4	..	100	....	5	150	....	220 00	East-Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Oliver Bronson	200	1000	289	8	8	6	..	1	298	2	..	....	30	3	200	....	515 53	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Richard H. Steele	160	800	230	3	..	..	..	3	230	10	..	....	....	5	150	....	200 00	Nassau.
Schodack	Vacant	175	900	240	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	Elbert Nevius, S. C.	110	540	82	13	5	..	..	3	97	1	7	....	....	1	70	....	174 30	Stuyvesant.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Saratoga	Samuel T. Searle	80	320	129	1	1	6	..	1	124	1	..	20	....	1	50	25	$140 00	Schuylerville.
Union Village	P. Van Santvoord	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Greenwich.
Northumberland	P. Van Wyck, S. C.	70	250	100	8	3	..	..	1	110	..	6	....	20	1	50	40	15 00	Pope's Corners.
Gansevoort	Ditto	30	120	30	..	..	..	..	1	29	..	..	....	20	1	30	25	20 00	Gansevoort.
Tiossioc	J. B. Shaw	53	250	101	..	1	6	4	1	91	..	..	....	....	2	70	....	108 92	Buskirk's Bridge.
Schaghticoke	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Schaghticoke.
Easton	Ditto	29	80	....	..	..	8	..	2	40	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	North-Easton.
Jackson	Ditto	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Battenville.
Fort Miller	Ditto	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. Birkby, J. Parry.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Auriesville	Vacant	80																	Auriesville.
Caughnawaga	D. Van Olinda, S. C.	160	800	128			3		6	119	9		39		3	150		$100 00	Fonda.
Canajoharie	E. S Hammond	100	375	90		2					6								Canajoharie.
Columbia	Vacant	72	316	58						58									Columbia.
Currytown	John J. Quick,	75	340	64	4	1			1	68	1	2							Root.
Mapletown	Ditto	100	400	73															Ditto.
Florida	John Clancey,	111	550	150	2	2	4		1	149	4		35	18	2	56	50		Minaville.
Fort Plain	M. L. Schenck	100	550	80	2	11	3		6	84					1	80		120 00	Fort Plain.
Fort Herkimer	J. L. Starks	50		30	1		1			30	6				1	50	30		Fort Herkimer.
Frankfort	J. Murphy																		
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	90	380	55	3	1	2		1	56	2		11	11	4	120	100		Glen.
Hageman's	Vacant	50	175	61	2	2	6			59	2				1	60	50	60 00	Hageman Mills.
Henderson	Daniel Lord,																		Mohawk.
Herkimer	C. S. Mead	220	1100	317	1	7	1		4	320	20			25	5	180	150		Herkimer.
Mariaville	Vacant	50	200																Mariaville.
Manheim	Paul Weidman	54	268							55	7			9	1	35	25		Manheim Centre.
Mohawk	Vacant,	40	200	25		3	1			28	4		50	50	1	70	45	49 45	Mohawk.
Port Jackson	Ditto	67	324	55															Port Jackson.
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern	100	500	164						164	13				2	100	85	35 00	St. Johnsville
Stone Arabia	J. C. Van Liew	100	400	100					5	95	10				1	25	20		Palatine Bridge.
Ephratah	Ditto	70	300	62					1						1				Ephratah.
Fultonville	Vacant	50																	

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Schoharie	R. Wells	104	500	125	1	2	..	..	1	127	..	..	....	20	2	100	70	$140 00	Schoharie.
Schoharie Mt.	R. Wells, S. S.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ditto.
Berne	Vacant	60	400	61	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	20 00	Berne.
Beaverdam	Ditto	55	350	60	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ditto.
Middleburgh	Edwin Vedder, S. C.	75	300	93	3	..	1	1	4	90	4	1	30	15	3	150	120	96 00	Middleburgh.
Gallupville	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gallupville.
Gilboa	Ditto	120	550	157	20	11	7	..	2	179	9	9	25	50	1	200	175	95 00	Gilboa.
North-Blenheim	Wm. G. E. See,	40	163	42	1	..	1	..	..	42	..	1	30	10	1	45	....	75 00	North-Blenheim.
Eminence	Ditto, S. S.,	17	65	8	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	3 00	Ditto.
Breakabin	Ditto, S. S.,	26	105	....	3	2	..	..	..	33	..	..	10	....	1	30	....	6 00	Ditto.
Sharon	H. A. Raymond,*	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Gardnersville.
Lawyersville	H. A. Raymond,*	80	35	65	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lawyersville.
Cobleskill	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Scribner, N. Bogardus, N. Jones, Elihu Doty, Missionary to China. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C		Sab. Schools				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
1st Ch., Schenectady	Julius H. Seelye	290	1400	363	9	8	8	..	6	366	..	2	80	30	2	220	150	$508 06	Schenectady.
2d Church, ditto	I. G. Duryee	56	300	69	11	2	..	..	..	82	6	..	....	....	1	125	80	54 00	Ditto.
3d Church ditto	W. F. Schwilk,	37	170	50	60	3	15	6	2	90	15	..	....	20	1	30	20	8 00	Ditto.
Amity	Vacant	80	380	120	2	1	4	..	2	117	1	..	25	40	1	....	55	86 94	Vischer's Ferry.
Niskayuna	C. L. Wells,	100	500	166	1	..	7	..	3	157	2	..	30	20	4	100	70	75 00	Niskayuna.
1st Ch., Glenville	P. H. Burghardt,	160	800	172	..	2	1	..	1	172	3	..	....	....	2	80	60	144 46	Glenville.
2d Ch., ditto	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Scotia.
1st Ch., Rotterdam	Charles Jukes	100	500	81	1	..	1	..	2	79	3	..	20	35	1	25	20	133 00	Hoffman's Ferry.
2d Ch., ditto	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Schenectady.
Lisha's Kill	C. L. Wells,	60	300	52	..	2	..	..	..	54	2	..	20	15	1	60	50	61 00	Lisha's Kill.
Helderbergh	L. H. Van Dyck	125	600	243	9	3	2	..	3	250	15	2	14	25	3	....	100	96 09	Guilderland Centre.
Day	C. Case,	50	175	18	1	2	2	..	..	19	1	1	....	....	2	75	50	8 00	West Day.
Princetown	B. B. Hall, S. S.	52	320	88	1	..	..	..	..	89	4	..	....	....	2	60	....	.....	Dunnsville.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Thomas Romeyn, D. B. Hall, Abraham J. Swits, S. C., Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Owasco	Wilson Ingalls	105	565	116	4	1	2	1	2	116	3	1	....	70	3	75	....	$87 75	Owasco.
Syracuse	J. Romeyn Berry, S. C.	110	550	97	10	8	2	1	..	112	2	3	140	60	1	175	120	315 00	Syracuse.
Canastota	Vacant	42	150	....	1	7	2	..	1	22	1	1	....	....	1	50	40	11 00	Canastota.
Utica	Geo. H. Fisher	80	....	200	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	766 95	Utica.
Lysander*	Vacant	....	....	31	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Lysander.
Thousand Isles	Geo. Rockwell	75	300	17	1	..	..	1	..	17	1	1	....	12	4	100	....	9 00	Alexandria.
Cicero†	Vacant	80	250	55	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cicero.
Owasco Outlet	Samuel R. Brown	50	275	89	4	1	1	1	..	92	1	1	....	....	1	86	....	234 65	Auburn.
Cleaveland	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	15	..	3	26	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cleaveland.
Chittenango‡	Ditto	....	....	....	4	15	..	1	1	80	..	1	100	35	3	200	150	50 00	Chittenango.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. W. I. Bradford. *Last year's report. †Pastor elect, Rev. J. Gray. ‡Pastor elect, Rev. S. P. M. Hastings.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. In Communion per last report.	Communicants. Reed On Confession	Communicants. Reed On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. Schools. No. of Schools.	Sab. Schools. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. Schools. Average Number of Scholars	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Post-Office Address.
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	70	350	107	7	..	2	..	1	111	4	1	....	....	1	....	....	$103 62	St. Andrew's, N. Y.
Montgomery	Robt. P. Lee	200	1000	344	8	6	9	1	6	342	18	2	125	100	..	....	....	440 00	Montgomery, do.
Shawangunk	Chas. Scott	230	1100	227	45	4	8	..	8	260	21	10	....	24	5	180	150	295 00	Bruynswick, do.
New-Prospect	W. S. Moore, S. C.	120	550	137	12	3	5	..	1	146	9	4	30	20	2	75	60	60 00	Ulsterville, do.
Deer Park	H. Slauson	95	670	113	6	5	1	..	6	117	5	1	81	....	1	81	56	95 00	Port Jervis, do.
Newburgh	M. N. McLaren	99	480	141	5	8	8	..	2	144	6	2	100	80	1	152	125	300 00	Newburgh, do.
Minisink	D. A. Jones	50	200	65	2	2	4	..	2	63	3	1	15	14	3	114	84	80 20	Montague, N. J.
New-Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	1000	100	11	3	2	..	1	111	19	2	130	120	5	150	120	200 00	New-Hurley, N. Y.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	90	470	155	8	5	7	..	1	160	11	1	100	80	3	115	100	233 00	Walden, do.
Walpack	R. Pitts, S. S.	130	550	174	26	2	4	..	3	195	9	6	....	....	3	120	100	10 00	Delaware, Pa.
Bloomingburgh	S. W. Mills	110	550	176	6	..	6	1	..	175	13	1	....	....	1	95	95	154 70	Bloomingburgh, N. Y.
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	125	500	100	10	14	5	..	2	117	..	2	....	30	1	130	130	457 23	Ellenville, do.
Fallsburgh	J. Searle	100	520	116	5	1	2	..	1	119	10	2	40	25	2	100	75	205 00	Woodbourne, do.
Warwarsing	N. D. Williamson	158	800	146	6	1	7	..	6	140	1	..	71	67	5	187	140	93 38	Napanock, do.
Grahamville	W. R. S. Betts	65	325	111	..	3	....	..	..	114	..	..	....	....	2	70	70	8 00	Grahamville, do.
Mamakating	S. Searle	70	350	64	26	4	4	..	1	89	3	11	30	25	4	100	70	.....	Wurtsborough, do.
Upper Neversink	Vacant	30	145	15	..	2	1	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	2	35	25	20 50	Claryville, do.
Middleport*.	Ditto	....	....	18	..	..	....	..	..	18	..	..	20	24	1	45	45	.....	Kerhonkson, do.
Cuddebackville	H. Morris	70	350	18	4	4	....	..	..	26	1	2	15	25	2	50	35	5 00	Cuddebackville, do.
Jeffersonville†	J. Hones	16	80	37	6	..	....	..	..	43	18	..	....	....	1	20	20	3 00	Jeffersonville, do.
Thumansville†	Ditto	25	125	....	22	6	....	..	..	28	..	..	12	....	..	....	....	.....	
2d Ch. Ellenville†	J. P. Pfister, S. S.	20	100	....	38	5	....	..	..	43	6	..	6	12	1	37	37	.....	Ellenville, do.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. B. R. Hall, D. D., J. Boyd, W. Youngblood, W. S. Heyer, C. D. Ettinge. *Supplied by E. De Puy pastor elect.
†German Churches. *Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Athens	W. D. Buckelew,	69	360	80	14	3	6	..	3	88	3	4	....	....	2	125	95	$154 80	Athens.
Catskill	R. B. Welch*	200	1000	210	6	5	6	..	2	213	..	..	130	70	3	180	130	100 00	Catskill.
1st Ch. Coxsackie	Philip Peltz, S. C.	195	950	332	13	2	10	..	2	235	6	5	150	....	5	230	175	269 64	Coxsackie.
2d Ch. Coxsackie	John Steele	104	525	101	6	14	1	..	2	118	5	4	30	....	1	70	50	371 58	Coxsackie.
Kiskatom	Vacant	76	300	....	4	..	3	..	3	119	5	1	....	....	2	70	50	20 00	Kiskatom.
Moresville†	Ditto	95	300	77	..	..	....	..	..	77	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Moresville.
Leeds	John Minor	95	450	120	11	..	4	..	4	123	8	3	50	35	4	150	100	75 00	Leeds.
Prattsville	Wm. Johns	50	300	59	3	..	....	..	3	59	1	..	....	....	1	80	....	65 00	Prattsville.
Roxbury	Wm. E. Turner	68	....	59	2	1	....	..	..	62	..	..	....	18	1	65	....	.....	Roxbury.

*Pastor elect. †Report of 1855.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Centreville	Jos. H. Kershow	30	100	....	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	....	....	2	20	....	.....	Centreville.
Constantine	Wm. Bailey	40	200	....	..	..	1	..	2	39	..	..	....	....	1	45	35	.....	Constantine.
Ridgeway	F. P. Beidler	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Ridgeway.
Macon	Ditto	....	....	....	3	..	..	..	2	32	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	$23 50	Tecumseh.
Mottville	Wm. Bailey	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Jefferson	H. Hermance	30	100	....	..	..	..	..	1	14	1	..	....	....	2	40	....	.....	Sparta.
South Bend	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Grand Rapids	Ditto	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Battle Creek	J. N. Schultz, S. C.	35	180	16	3	3	..	..	..	22	2	..	10	15	2	30	....	11 30	Battle Creek.
Sandusky City	C. Kuss	20	100	....	..	..	..	..	..	40	6	..	8	10	1	60	....	.....	Sandusky City.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. Sheffield, J. G. Tarbell.

CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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West-Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	555	281	1	5	6	..	2	279	2	..	40	40	1	160	110	$312 29	West-Troy.
So. Church, W. Troy	G. L. Roof	80	375	88	3	7	2	..	2	94	4	1	....	....	1	100	80	94 00	West-Troy.
Wynant's Kill	J. Stevenson	....	....	60	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Wynant's Kill.
Boght	J. Du Bois	64	300	88	1	2	..	..	1	90	2	..	....	25	1	60	50	100 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. L. Schoonmaker	56	265	80	3	2	..	..	3	82	3	..	....	14	1	80	60	85 00	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. L. Waldron, S. C.	80	360	101	7	8	1	..	1	114	12	1	40	15	1	75	65	326 18	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	Geo. McCartney	40	200	40	..	2	4	1	1	36	2	..	....	....	1	40	....	65 00	West-Troy.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. John Smith.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Received On Confession.	Received On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, S.C.	155	700	204	4	4	..	..	4	198	6	2	....	50	4	200	180	$295 36	Lodi, Seneca co.
Farmersville	Benj. Bassler	100	500	141	2	3	3	..	..	143	3	1	....	36	1	100	80	431 89	Farmersville, do
Geneva	J. A. Collier	145	600	....	12	4	5	..	2	168	5	..	85	110	1	155	120	472 23	Geneva, Onta. co.
Ithaca	J. W. Schenck	106	363	128	2	3	3	2	4	124	1	..	38	17	1	80	50	134 30	Ithaca, Tomp. co.
Arcadia	B. F. Snyder	43	185	....	3	3	4	..	..	52	2	..	22	16	1	56	23	20 70	Arcadia, Wayne co.
Tyre	J. R. Van Arsdale	50	228	69	..	..	4	..	..	65	..	..	16	....	2	60	50	15 00	Waterloo, Sen. co.
Caroline	John Whitbeck	45	150	52	3	1	2	..	2	52	..	1	....	20	1	50	35	41 00	Slaterville, Tom. co.
Wolcott	John Muller	44	200	42	1	..	..	..	..	43	6	..	22	....	1	....	....	.....	Fairhaven.
Buffalo	John L. See	25	100	23	2	2	..	..	..	27	5	..	25	12	1	50	35	27 50	Buffalo, Erie co.
Buffalo Holland	Vacant	14	94	56	6	2	13	1	..	50	11	..	6	7	..	....	....	4 50	do. do.
Pultneyville	A. R. Kasse	53	300	....	9	13	..	..	3	120	12	..	30	40	1	40	....	5 00	Pultneyville.
Rochester	W. C. Wust	104	450	....	45	11	22	3	3	203	37	..	92	....	..	....	....	27 78	Rochester.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewald	58	258	72	26	..	2	..	..	96	12	..	34	25	2	38	28	28 00	Clymer, Chau. co.
Waterloo	Vacant	30	150	18	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	....	....	1	20	....	.....	Waterloo, Sen. co.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. R. W. Knight, J. Hammond (Emeriti), J. Beattie, A. Hoffman.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools.			Contributions for Religio s and Benevolent purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession.	Reed On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Adults.	Infants.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruc on.	No. of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.		
Drenthe	Vacant	30			7					60		10	27						Holland.
Graafschap	Ditto	59	286	125	7	9	1		6	134		10	38						do.
Grand Rapids	H. G. Kleyn	108	438		10	25	13		13	188		32	80						Grand Rapids.
Grand Haven	Vacant		400	130	25	14	7		6	156		15	30						Grand Haven.
Holland	A. C. Van Raalte, S. C.	149	737	312	6	21	20		3	316		36	110		1		40		Holland.
Kalamazoo	Vacant	56	241	108	12	19	16	3	4	116		8	81						Kalamazoo.
Nord Holland	Ditto	11	47				2	1		23									Holland.
Overyssel	Ditto	50	270	125						125			60						do.
Polkton	Ditto																		
Vriesland	Ditto	70			8	15			4	202		23							
Zeeland	C. Vander Meulen	237	908	312	19				33	298		36							Zeeland.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C & B. C		Sab. Schools.				POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Schools	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Bloomingdale,	J. R. Lente,	83	415	....	..	..	6	..	..	100	3	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Kingston.
Clove,	C. A. Evans,	200	1100	105	8	3	4	..	1	111	12	..	....	40	4	100	....	$79 58	High Falls.
Dashville Falls,	Vacant,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Guilford	J. N. Jansen,	150	750	83	16	2	5	..	2	94	5	4	40	25	4	100	...	224 08	Tuthill.
Hurley	B. C Lippincott,	75	450	93	4	2	2	2	2	93	10	..	30	20	1	70	60	97 50	Hurley.
2d Ch. Kingston,	A Dubois,	60	175	67	10	13	7	..	..	83	3	2	20	30	1	110	61	160 92	Kingston.
Marbletown,	J. L. McNair,	180	886	97	37	6	..	..	5	136	19	3	75	25	1	70	40	680 93	Stone Ridge.
New Paltz,	C. H. Stitt,	212	1200	206	3	4	2	..	1	210	13	..	180	120	5	258	....	436 98	New-Paltz.
North-Marbletown,	B. C. Lippincott, S. S.	100	570	53	3	1	..	..	2	55	4	..	25	....	2	60	50	68 00	Hurley.
Rochester,	C. Wyckoff,	300	1500	212	10	..	5	..	5	212	23	2	....	24	8	400	....	258 38	Accord.
Rosendale,	J. R. Lente,	69	345	....	..	2	..	..	..	40	..	4	....	....	1	....	....	.....	Rosendale.
Samsonville,	H. Harlow,	....	....	....	10	..	..	1	..	37	2	4	....	....	..	....	...	10 00	Samsonville.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1856.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	No. of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	Received		Total of Communicants.	Baptized.		Number of Catechumens.	No. in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Amount of Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
							On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.						
New-York	22	26	1	..	1390	8189	187	127	3523	224	10	606	225	20	2743	$12379 02	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of New-York	12	20	..	..	860	3175	206	85	1741	212	25	883	235	14	1747	10447 72	" S. H. Meeker.
New-Brunswick	20	27	..	..	1844	8702	122	138	3372	165	21	825	214	44	1469	4300 04	" S. M. Woodbridge.
Bergen	20	22	..	..	2143	10090	209	130	2356	524	14	1465	877	25	2487	4162 82	" A. H. Warner.
Paramus	13	12	1	..	1466	5917	46	87	1664	127	6	383	193	18	817	1884 95	" J. H. Duryea.
South Classis of Long Island	14	15	..	..	1074	5485	90	83	1585	102	12	571	300	19	1566	6437 15	" D. McL. Quackenbush.
North Classis of Long Island	11	15	..	..	1016	5062	68	88	1087	78	11	407	170	15	1872	3415 90	" G. H Mandeville.
Poughkeepsie	11	10	..	..	962	4248	90	28	1572	44	24	323	248	19	934	3446 69	" A. M Mann.
Philadelphia	10	14	1	..	1197	5750	107	96	1802	89	23	597	393	30	1661	6219 40	" T. B. Romeyn.
Passaic	10	9	..	..	1048	4860	26	14	971	72	2	336	209	20	1132	683 79	" J. A Staats.
Illinois	7	3	..	..	180	950	4	9	192	2	1	40	66	8	200	.....	" S. B. Ayers.
Hudson	8	6	..	..	845	3950	38	19	1010	11	11	238	37	24	725	625 39	" D. D. Demarest.
Westchester	12	7	..	..	448	1488	44	55	618	27	21	100	240	7	483	1237 70	" A. T. Stewart.
Monmouth	7	8	..	..	487	2435	22	14	636	25	9	157	135	13	560	941 25	" A. C Millspaugh.
Wisconsin	9	4	..	..	226	788	120	51	383	59	1	127	157	....	.....	157 77	" S. Bolks.
Albany	17	16	..	..	1589	7580	154	26	2365	84	10	263	219	21	1238	4745 01	" L N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster	12	13	..	..	1275	6068	89	37	1534	104	15	255	371	21	971	1837 64	" N. L. Chapman.
Rensselaer	10	9	..	..	1120	5650	115	28	1178	64	31	225	90	20	810	1487 83	" E. Nevius.
Washington	9	6	..	..	262	1620	9	5	394	1	6	20	40	5	200	283 92	" P. Van Wyck.
Montgomery	22	13	..	..	1739	7178	15	29	1285	84	2	135	113	23	926	364 45	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie	13	8	..	..	577	2468	28	15	479	13	11	95	95	9	525	435 00	" E Vedder.
Schenectady	13	13	..	..	1150	5445	95	23	1475	52	5	89	185	20	775	1174 55	" A. I. Swits.
Cayuga	10	8	..	..	542	2090	24	32	465	8	8	240	177	13	686	1474 35	" J. R. Berry.
Orange	22	25	..	..	2048	10215	253	78	2577	157	48	775	646	46	1856	2763 63	" W. S. Moore.
Greene	9	7	..	..	952	4185	59	25	1088	28	17	360	123	19	970	1056 02	" P. Peltz
Watervliet	7	8	..	..	435	2055	15	26	695	25	2	80	94	6	515	982 47	" C. L. Waldron.
Geneva	14	16	..	..	972	4278	115	46	1359	100	4	370	533	17	849	1503 26	" G. J. Van Neste.
Michigan	10	9	..	..	155	680	6	3	184	9	....	18	25	8	195	34 80	" J. N. Schultz.
Holland	11	3	..	..	770	3327	94	103	1618	170	....	426	....	1	40	.....	" A. C. Van Raalte.
Arcot (India)	3	5	..	..	...	...	....	....	34	....	....	....	....	4	....	.....	" W. W. Scudder.
Kingston	12	11	..	..	1429	7391	101	33	1171	94	19	370	284	28	1168	2016 37	
Total	380	368	3	30	30201	148719	2551	1483	40413	2754	369	10729	6494	537	30070	$75898 89	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their Report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully present the following report:

The Minutes of the last General Synod, at both its regular and adjourned sessions, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New-York and Albany, were placed in their hands, and they have carefully examined the same.

They find nothing in the Minutes of General Synod, and the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, to which they deem it necessary to call the attention of Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, p. 9, in connection with the resolution authorizing the organization of the Classis of Kingston, is the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That it be referred to General Synod, to decide to which of the two Particular Synods the Classis of Kingston shall belong."

On page 30 is the following:

"*Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the plan of forming a Particular Synod, to embrace the churches of our denomination in the West, and would invite the General Synod to take action upon this subject."

Respectfully submitted. N. F. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as refers to the subjects of the Classis of Kingston, and the formation of a new Particular Synod, to embrace the churches in our denomination in the West, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report:

That but two subjects have been referred to your Committee. On page 9 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, for 1856, a resolution asking of this Synod to designate to which of the two Particular Synods the Classis of Kingston, recently organized, shall belong: recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Classis of Kingston be and hereby is connected with the Particular Synod of Albany.

On page 30 of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, for 1856, a resolution as to the expediency of constituting a new Particu-

lar Synod, to be composed of the Western churches. Your Committee feel gratified, that the extension of our Church west, calls for the organization of a new Synod. There are under the care of this Synod four Classes, lying west of the State of New-York, numbering, in all, about forty churches, and about twenty-five ministers, with the prospects of rapid increase of numbers. Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the plan for the organization of a Particular Synod in the West.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes of Illinois, Michigan, Holland, and Wisconsin, be, and hereby are set off or dismissed from their respective Synods, to be organized as a new Particular Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the Classes of Illinois, Michigan, Holland, and Wisconsin, severally meet, at an early day, and choose Delegates, in conformity to the Constitution, and appoint Delegates to meet on the First Tuesday of September next, at such place as they shall deem expedient, and proceed to organize a new Particular Synod, to be known as the Particular Synod of Chicago.

4. *Resolved*, That Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., and Rev. D. Van Olinda, be the committee on behalf of this Synod, to aid and assist in the organization of the contemplated Synod, and that their expenses be defrayed by the Treasurer of the Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. VAN OLINDA, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The Committee to revise the Liturgy of the Church, submitted their report, *which was accepted*, and is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of 1853, to revise the Liturgy of the Church, beg leave to submit a final report of the results of their labors. This Committee has now been in existence during a period of three years. They have held in all fourteen meetings, and have bestowed upon their work all that care and diligence which its importance demanded. Having submitted to two preceding Synods partial reports of the progress of their labors, and deriving, so far as they were able, both from Synodical action and from private conference with individuals, a knowledge of what seemed most necessary to be done towards perfecting the Liturgy of the Church, and adapting it to our present denominational necessities, the Committee have assiduously aimed to incorporate into the revision the understood wishes of the Church, thereby hoping to make it acceptable, if possible, to the great majority in our communion.

In entering upon the duties assigned them, your Committee did not understand that their appointment would change, in the least, the long established and well understood position of our Church respecting the use of a Liturgy. With her origin is identified the existence of the Liturgy. She has received it with her symbols of belief and formularies of worship. Parts of it are practically incorporated into her Constitution, and their use rendered obligatory upon all her pastors. The creation of your Committee did not, therefore, intimate on the part of the Synod any intention, either to increase or diminish the just regard in which the Liturgy has been and now is held by the Church. Neither were the Committee authorized to alter one jot or tittle of the doctrines contained in any of the offices of the old Liturgy, and accordingly they have preserved with care every statement of doctrinal truth as found therein. It will be seen by an examination of the printed copies of the Revised Liturgy, herewith presented to your reverend body, that the Committee have endeavored simply to amend the phraseology of the old forms, where they were manifestly in need of correction, to expunge in some instances, and especially from a few of the prayers, sentences which had become inappropriate or obsolete, to re-cast into a more readable form passages which, by their great length, severely tasked the vocal organs, and to abridge where abridgment was necessary, in order to avoid tedious repetitions.

Entertaining, as all the members of the Committee did, a just veneration for the Sacramental Forms for the administration of the Lord's Supper and the Rite of Baptism, they did not feel at liberty to make abridgments, such as would have been acceptable to many brethren, or equal to the unauthorized abridgments which are often made on the personal responsibility of the officiating minister. A few elisions of some sentences, and slight transpositions of some others, together with corrections in grammar and punctuation, comprise well nigh all the changes which we deemed it proper to make in these most cherished forms. In order to render the Liturgy, as revised, more complete and symmetrical, and to make it more adequate to the demands which may be made upon it, for assistance in various public duties, the Com-

mittee have inserted the Litany of Bucer, translated from his "Reformation of Doctrine and Worship," also an order for the reading of Scripture in public worship, as contained in the Holland Ritual and Bibles, and a few prayers for the more common occasions of importunate want. In addition to these insertions, they have also added a marriage service, and an installation service, compiled, in part, from the old forms for marriage and ordination, together with a burial service, composed chiefly of passages of Scripture, arranged to suit the various occasions on which it may be required.

The Committee, desiring to meet the supposed wish of the Synod, have caused the Revised Liturgy to be printed complete, with a copious index, from which its contents may be seen at a glance. In striving to perfect this Liturgy to the utmost in their power, the Committee have shunned no labor which might further their purpose. They have examined other Liturgies—they have weighed words and phrases—they have touched and retouched, again and again, passages, both in the old and new forms, in order to secure a full Liturgical style, free from rhetorical pretension, but severely simple in the utterance of evangelical truth. The various parts of the Liturgy were assigned to sub-committees, who, after executing their tasks, returned them to the Committee of the whole, where they were subjected to repeated scrutiny and criticism.

By this severe analysis of words and phrases, repeated at each meeting, the Committee hoped to remove, as far as possible, every blemish or infelicity which the most fastidious taste would be likely to discover, for they were conscientiously desirous of executing their work in a manner that would be acceptable to all who wish our Liturgy to be, in style and completeness, adequate to the conceded wants of the Church. We have deemed it just to ourselves, and respectful to the Synod, thus to state, in detail, the results of our labors, and the method in which they were prosecuted. We do not suppose that the Liturgy, as revised, is free from possible criticism. As tastes vary, judgments will vary. As the acknowledged deficiencies of the old Liturgy had introduced almost as many changes, improvements, or substitutions, great or small, as there are ministers in our denomination, so that well-nigh every pulpit had its separate Liturgy, made up of fragments of the old, it is almost beyond our hope that the Revised Liturgy, as now presented, should at once terminate individual attachments to such improvements or substitutions as our pastors have hitherto been constrained to make. It is, however, our hope that whatever may be the strength of such personal attachments to individual and different Liturgies, they will so far yield to considerations of public utility as to allow the Church to possess a Liturgy, which, when needed, may be used, and when used, may not be regarded as unworthy of one of the eldest daughters of the Reformation.

Your Committee yield to none, in their respect for the ancestral and traditional associations which cluster around our ancient Liturgy, but we can not believe that wisdom will justify an unyielding adherence to things old, simply because they are old, when they have ceased to *possess any practical* value, and when they can no longer be *used without putting modesty* to the blush, or taste at defiance.

Being, as we are, constitutionally a Liturgical Church, yet making forms only subservient to a beautiful and consistent order, auxiliary to the promulgation of spiritual truth, the Committee have entertained the belief, that through care and diligence, they could revise and enlarge our Liturgy, so that it might soon become a welcome assistant to every pastor, and thereby secure something like general uniformity in the public execution of pastoral duties.

Whether such uniformity is desirable—whether it shall be thought well for the Church to provide offices for religious services, which shall correspond with her standard of order and propriety, are questions which the Committee supposed to be settled by the fact of their appointment. The almost universal disuse into which parts of our Liturgy had fallen, and the very general mutilations of other parts, appeared to be the chief reasons that induced the General Synod of 1853 to constitute this Committee, and the continuation of the work in their hands, by the action of subsequent Synods, have seemed to us proofs of a settled determination on the part of our highest legislative body to obtain, if possible, a Liturgy that might promote uniformity in our religious services, and supply pastors with various offices, which are now frequently borrowed, either from the Liturgies of other denominations or from books published by individual authority, without sanction from any ecclesiastical organization whatever.

Thus appointed and encouraged by the action of successive Synods, your Committee have given their best attention to the work assigned them. They submit it now, with full confidence that the Synod will examine and decide upon its merits, not in the expectation of finding it absolutely free from fault, but as embodying as near as may be what the Committee believe to be the most careful results of a protracted endeavor to provide a Liturgy adequate to meet a long expressed want of our beloved Church.

By order of Committee. E. S. PORTER, *Secretary.*

Copies of the Revised Liturgy, as reported by the Committee, were received and distributed among the members of the Synod.

Extracts from the Classes of Paramus and New-York, on the subject of a revision of the Liturgy, were received and read.

Synod took up the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Revised Liturgy. The subject was discussed at considerable length. Certain amendments to the forms for the administration of the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism were adopted, when the following resolutions were moved and seconded, and the question being taken upon them, they were adopted:

Whereas, The labors of the Synod, and of its Committee on the subject of the revision of the Liturgy of the Church, has shown that it is a work as difficult as it is important, to attain a satisfactory result, and,

Whereas, The Synod are anxious that the revision should receive *the most mature* and thorough consideration previously to its being

submitted to the decision of the several Classes, and which can not now be afforded, therefore,

Resolved, That the forms for the administration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, as adopted by this Synod, be sent down to the several Classes for their approval or disapproval.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Liturgy be referred to the Synod at its stated meeting in June, 1857.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish the Classes with copies of the forms now adopted, in such manner as he may deem proper.

In the course of the discussion, a motion was made and seconded, that in printing the Creed the phrase "he descended into hell," be enclosed in brackets. The question being taken, the motion was decided in the *affirmative*. The ayes and nays, being called for, were taken, and are as follows:

Ayes.

J. Knox,	T. Jeremiah,	D. Sarvan,
R. Kirkwood,	W. Brush,	C. Parker,
J. D. Littell,	W. T. Van Doren,	J. M. Van Buren,
E. S. Porter,	J. S. Himrod,	A. Stockholm,
S. Van Vechten,	J. Van Liew,	J. Thompson,
J. H. Pitcher,	J. Ten Broeck,	A. T. Stewart,
J. A. Todd,	A. Watson,	J. B. Wilson,
J. M. Ferris,	J. Van Vechten,	J. A. Lansing,
W. McElroy,	A. H. Myers,	O. Bronson,
J. A. Vedder,	C. Van Santvoord,	J. B. Shaw,
A. Marshall,	E. Smith,	R. Wells,
P. H. Burghardt,	J. A. Seelye,	G. H. Fisher,
S. R. Brown,	J. R. Berry,	E. Adriance,
E. W. Bentley,	J. Lyon,	J. N. Taylor,
M. D. Buckeloo,	L. Preston,	O. Gregory,
C. Easton,	J. W. Schenck,	J. R. Van Arsdale,
J. A. Collier,	J. Hasbrook.	—50.

Nays.

W. R. Gordon,	T. E. Vermilye,	C. D. Buck,
G. Abeel,	P. D. Van Cleef,	F. H. Vanderveer,
J. T. M. Davie,	J. Remsen,	T. C. Strong,
A. J. Beekman,	F. M. Kip,	A. M. Mann,
J. H. Rosa,	D. Wortman,	C. J. Shephard,
D. D. Demarest,	J. G. Johnson,	H. D. Ganse,
D. Thompson,	W. Statesir,	S. Bolks,
E. Janssen,	J. Q. Wilson,	N. F. Chapman,
J. W. Hammond,	R. H. Steele,	D. Van Olinda,
J. J. Quick,	N. W. Jones,	F. Hager,
A. J. Swits,	C. D. Eltinge,	J. B. Ten Eyck,
E. Millspaugh,	W. Johns,	A. C. Van Raalte.
		—38.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the sermon in behalf of Education, for this year, be preached on the evening of the seventh day of the session.

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The seventeenth Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath-School Union of the General Synod, was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The sermon in behalf of Education was preached on the evening of the seventh day of the session, by Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., from 2 Corinthians 1 : 11, "*Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.*"

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, with the exception of so much as related to the subject of the Board of Sabbath-School Union, which was recommitted with instructions to report upon the same at the next General Synod. The report of the Committee, as adopted, is as follows:

The Committee on Education, having perused the documents placed in their hands, and considered the various matters before them, respectfully present the following report:

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Education informs us that thirty-eight young men, during the last year, have received aid in the prosecution of their studies, six of whom are connected with the Holland Academy, and thirty-two with our institutions at New-Brunswick. Five of these have recently finished their preparatory course to enter upon the duties of the ministry.

To meet their expenses, in the advancement of an interest acknowledged of vital importance to our Church, the Board have received and appropriated the avails of nineteen scholarships, amounting to $2891.62, together with collections from eighty of our three hundred and sixty-four churches, amounting to $2589.53, the sum of which is $5481.16. Of this sum the students at New-Brunswick have needed $4800; those at the aforesaid Academy, about $360; the teacher's salary amounts to $400, making in all the sum of $5560, absorbed by the necessary expenses of the current year.

By the provision made for that purpose, the balance of the debt to Mr. Taylor has been discharged. The usual financial papers of Isaac *Young, Esq., namely,* list of endowed scholarships and Education

Fund account, were in the hands of your Committee, and appear to be correct.

The account of the Treasurer, accompanying the report, has been compared with the vouchers, and is certified as correct, leaving a balance in his hands of $25.74, belonging to General Synod, and also a balance of $490 due the special fund.

Hopes and fears have attended the performance of the duties devolving upon the Board during the last year. They have met with encouragements and discouragements. Their appeals for increased funds have been, in most cases, kindly regarded, but, as they say, they "have not many instances of available sympathy to record."

The duties, many, onerous and difficult, connected with its operations, induced an application to General Synod for the permission to appoint a Corresponding Secretary, whose faithful discharge of them is quite enough to fill up the time, and employ all the energies, of an efficient man. This request was granted, and the Board is happy to be able to state that they have succeeded in obtaining the services of the Rev. James A. H. Cornell, whom they consider eminently fitted for the station, and who, they are persuaded, will prove acceptable to the churches. This brother will soon enter upon the active duties of his office.

The Board records its approbation of the character and conduct of the young men of the College and Seminary under its care, with two exceptions, where they have been compelled to withdraw their appropriations; and also expresses its obligation to the Theological Faculty for their paternal supervision exercised over them.

Your Committee regard it as a matter of encouragement, that eight students more than the number reported last year have been under the care of the Board, some of these having come from the Holland Academy, an institution your Committee think Synod ought to commend to the fostering care of our churches, because it is likely to become, at no distant day, an important auxiliary to our institutions at New-Brunswick.

Your Committee beg leave to bring to the notice of Synod a matter of great importance to the spiritual welfare of the Hollanders, whose number is constantly augmenting in our country by immigration from the fatherland. In the Classes of Holland and Wisconsin there are some twenty churches. There are three more soon to be organized, and they have at present but eight ministers to supply the whole. Large numbers of the Hollanders are concentrating at various points all over the West and North-west, and many churches might be formed instantly among them, had we the men. It seems impossible to supply the growing demand but in one way, and that is, by sending over to Holland for competent young men who are in various stages of preparation for the Gospel ministry, and who should come recommended by those in the fatherland in whom we have confidence, that they may pursue and complete their studies at the Academy aforesaid, and at New-Brunswick. Your Committee understand such arrangements can be satisfactorily made. The only difficulty in the way is the procurement of means to defray their passage to this country. Th

necessities of the case seem to require that some arrangement of this kind be adopted, to preserve those already among us from being lost to us in other communions, and to provide for the spiritual benefit of those that are yet to come. God, in his providence, is furnishing us a people whose predilections are for our Church—a deserving people, to whom we owe a debt of gratitude, and a people desirous of being Americanized, whose descendants shall return our kindness by sustaining and advancing our branch of the Church in her distinctive forms of doctrine and polity, and in the accumulation of an extending influence for good. It is, therefore, alike our duty and our interest to devise and to execute plans for the attainment of enlarged influence and efficiency. The immediate necessity is the procurement of ministers in the way above specified. If our churches, and those of our members whom God has blessed with abundant means, could be induced to appropriate enough to enable the right kind of men to reach their brethren on our shores, it would be an expenditure well laid out, because the speediest way to supply the lack of ministers qualified to conduct the work which God has thus given us to do. Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the subject of obtaining pious young men from Holland, to be educated at our institutions for the Gospel ministry, with a view especially to supply the great want of ministers existing in our churches, composed of Hollanders in this country, be earnestly commended to the favorable regard of our people.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod has learned, with pleasure, that there are at this time several well approved young men, ready to come to this country to put themselves under the care of our churches to be educated for the ministry, as aforesaid, but who, they regret to say, are without the means necessary to defray the expenses of their passage hither.

3. *Resolved*, That Synod deem it of great importance, that the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education make efforts, as soon as practicable, to secure the funds needed for this purpose, it being understood that such funds are not to be drawn from those designed for educational purposes, but to be obtained by solicitation for this specific object.

4. *Resolved*, That this subject be referred to the Board of Education, to adopt whatever measures may seem to them most practicable to accomplish the end herein had in view.

The Board speaks with confidence of the good which has resulted from the system of parochial schools, and with pleasure of the increasing favor with which it is met. They have now under their care seven schools, the reports of which are of the most encouraging character. In their opinion, they "clearly prove that these schools are among the most important and effectual instrumentalities for building up the churches with which they are connected. They not only impart valuable religious instruction to youth, but actually serve to *bind congregations* in their attachment to the churches," where they *have been established.*

In the report of the parochial school, attached to the German Reformed Church of Houston street, N. Y. City, the pastor enumerates several advantages which are conceived of great importance to the children belonging to his congregation, and adds the opinion common among them, that the contribution they receive in behalf of their school, "is working out the best interest of the Redeemer's kingdom." Another report records the pleasing fact, that one of the pupils of the school of Linlithgow has made a public profession of faith in Christ, to whom she was instrumentally led, in part, by the instructions received from the teacher, and closes with this language: "We feel the blessed effects of the privilege, and are confirmed in the opinion that no Church can wield her full influence without bringing to bear on the minds and hearts of her children the truths of Scripture, by *daily* instruction, and that Christian parents cannot enjoy the *full* benefit of their church relations, without a church-school—a school in which divine truth forms a prominent part of daily instruction."

In the report of the school attached to the church of North-Brooklyn, among other items, the hopeful conversion and public profession of *two* of the older children are mentioned. Other reports furnish many interesting extracts, which the Board simply refers to, as "calculated to make General Synod feel the importance of this work;" but they say, "they do not deem it necessary, since God has so remarkably fixed the seal of his approbation upon these schools."

In view of these facts, and opinions confirmatory of other experiences gathered from the history of these institutions, your Committee think the subject of the parochial school system eminently entitled to the consideration of Synod, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the parochial school system is worthy of every effort to popularize it within our bounds, and wherever it can be put into operation, its superior claims commend it to the preferences of our people.

The account of the treasurer of the fund belonging to this part of our system of education has been examined by S. B. Schieffelin, Esq., and is endorsed by him as correct. The balance on hand is $622.90.

It will be seen that collections in behalf of the funds of this Board, have been received from eighty of our churches during the past year, leaving two hundred and eighty-four that have not done what they could. This certainly is much to be regretted. Your Committee believe that all these churches consider our educational interest of necessary importance to our collective welfare, and to the capabilities and progress of our Church. With such a persuasion, it would seem that the omission was more a matter of neglect than of design. Surely it can not have resulted from sheer indifference; and yet there is not much to choose between them in the estimation of a man who is willing to do, and who rests not satisfied without doing, what he can, in obedience to the Gospel.

This *state of things has* so long continued, the Board sees no other

way of effecting a remedy but by the employment of an agent who shall give his whole time and attention to this business. At the close of their report, they request General Synod to place them in the same condition with other Boards, by enlarging their number.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Education be granted—that their number be increased to that of twenty-four, and that their quorum for the transaction of business be correspondingly enlarged.

Resolved, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to report a double number, from which Synod shall choose, in conformity with the foregoing resolution.

Respectfully submitted. W. R. GORDON.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Sabbath-School Union, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were elected, namely: Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., John Knox, D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., and Messrs. Thomas Jeremiah, John S. Bussing, John M. Keese, Jacob Brouwer, Charles S. Little, Daniel R. Suydam, Abraham Van Nest, and John Delamater. Rev. Joseph McKee was elected in the place of Rev. William R. Gordon, who has resigned his seat.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., and Mr. Abraham Van Nest.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to elect additional members of the Board of Education, so as to make the number of the Board twenty-four. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: John Knox, D.D., John Proudfit, D.D., Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., William R. Gordon, D.D., Nicholas E. Smith, R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., James A. H. Cornell, Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., and Messrs. Frederick I. Hosford, Peter R. Warner, Jacob Brouwer, Theodore Frelinghuysen, Henry A. Bower, James Anderson, and George S. Stitt.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of New-York, Paramus, Greene, Ulster, and North Classis of Long Island, and Kingston, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Nicholas I. Marselus, D.D.; Ferdinand H. Vanderveer; John Minor; Nathan F. Chapman; John B. Alliger; John De Witt; James R. Talmage; Abraham Polhemus; George H. Fisher, D.D.; Charles S. Stitt.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report:

1. That they have carefully examined the report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, which is accompanied by the Treasurer's account, the Annual Digest, and the list of securities belonging to the Synod. From these documents we gather that the Board has fulfilled its important trust with accustomed wisdom and fidelity. Nine hundred dollars have during the year been added to the Widows' Fund. One thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars and twenty-two cents have been received for the Church Building Fund, and two hundred and fifty dollars for the Sustentation Fund. Two thousand dollars have, by the direction of the Synod, been paid to the Board of Education, for their current expenses, which sum had been invested for said Board.

The church edifice at Brunswick, Illinois, with bell and fixtures, has, according to authority given by the Synod, been sold for two hundred dollars, less ten dollars which had been advanced for insurance.

An agreement has been made with William G. Mentz, Esq., of Philadelphia, whereby the exclusive right of printing the Psalm and Hymn book, is granted to him for five years from April, 1854; and he obligates himself to furnish the books in the style and for the prices specified in the agreement. The Synod engages, on the expiration of the contract, if it should not be renewed, to take the stereotype plates at an equitable price, to be ascertained by impartial appraisers.

The attention of the Synod is called to the fact, that there is now an annual deficit of revenue of eight hundred dollars. This has resulted *from the addition by the* last General Synod, of that amount *to the permanent annual* expenses, without, at the same time, making

provision for it. Concerning the propriety of making such additional expenditure, there will be no question when it is remembered that the chief item was the increase of the salaries of our Theological Professors. The Church, we are persuaded, is willing and anxious liberally to support those who are engaged in the important work of educating her ministry. Two plans have been suggested for meeting the difficulty. One is, that the annual deficiency should be supplied by stated collections from the churches; the other, that the permanent funds of the Synod should be increased to such amount as is necessary. Against the former plan lie the objections of uncertainty, irregularity, and repetition; the latter has commended itself to the unanimous judgment of the Committee, and we feel sure that the heart of the Church can be so reached for such an object as that the necessary funds will easily be secured. The present generation will do this little when reminded of the sacrifices of the fathers for the endowment of the Theological Seminary. The men who have come upon the stage, and the churches which have been formed since the last professorship was endowed, will surely not hesitate to come with voluntary offerings, and supply that which is lacking. Nay; may we not even regard this as a most favorable opportunity to make known through the Church the history of our Seminary, and secure from old and young, and rich and poor, the interest that arises from the investment of funds for it. The adoption of the following resolutions is recommended:

Resolved, That the Rev. John Knox, D.D., Wm. B. Crosby, James Suydam, C. E. Spangler, and Robert H. Pruyn, be a Committee to take measures to secure funds for investment, the interest of which shall be sufficient to meet the present annual deficiency of the Synod's revenue.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to make collections on or about the first Lord's day in November, to meet the deficiency of the past and present year.

The Board also calls the attention of the Synod to the plan for a Sustentation Fund, adopted by the General Synod in October last, and suggests a revision of that plan on account of its alleged complex character, of their apprehension of disastrous influence on the Widows' Fund, and "other considerations of an embarrassing kind," which they do not specify. Your Committee is of one mind that the great principle, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, ought, in all arrangements that may be made for the relief of ministers, never be lost sight of. For the manner of doing a temporary good, may result in great permanent evil. Salaries should be so liberal, that, with economy, something may be laid up for the time of sickness, old age, or for a bereaved, helpless family. This, Classes should well consider when they are asked to approve calls, to organize new churches, or to separate two or more churches into distinct pastoral charges. In some cases it might, perhaps, be well to inquire, whether there are not sufficient reasons for uniting churches that now *stand separate.* Classes should also remember the constitutional provision, that, when a minister is declared emeritus, it should be in-

quired whether the church which he has served is not able to provide for his support. It is believed that, if Consistories and Classes were to do their duty in this matter, the cases of ministers or their families needing charity, would be few.

Yet under the most favorable state of things, occasional cases of need, and in the present state of the Church, frequent ones, will occur. To meet such, the Widows' Fund was established, combining the two elements of mutual insurance and charity, and we see the working of its beneficent provisions. But, as is well known, its benefits are confined to those who, by the payment of certain sums of money, have secured an interest in it. The Sustentation Fund was established to meet the cases of those who, from straitened circumstances, might not be able to make such payment. The object, all will confess to be most worthy. It may seem unfortunate, that we should have two institutions with the same great object in view—and yet your Committee can not see how the Sustentation Fund could be engrafted on the Widows' Fund, the constitution of which can not be touched by the Synod. Some of the defects of the plan adopted in October, 1855, are obvious. It makes no specification of the amount of capital to be raised before disbursements shall be made. A very large amount of vested funds will be needed to secure benefit to a small number. Moreover, the provision that settled ministers may, if needing it, and there be a surplus of funds, share its benefits, is, in the view of many, objectionable. There seems to be good reason for the request of the Board, that a revision of that plan should be made, and the Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., Jeremiah S. Lord, and the Elder, Thomas Jeremiah, be appointed, to revise the plan for a Sustentation Fund, adopted in October, 1855, and report to the next General Synod.

2. Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. From this we learn that the Professors have been enabled to perform their duties during the year, and that thirty students have been in attendance, of whom ten have been recommended for Professoral certificates. Among the persons examined and recommended for aid in prosecuting their studies for the ministry, Isaac Bailey and Holloway W. Pierce were recommended to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund—which action the Committee recommend the Synod to confirm. The following resolution, passed by the Board, is commended to the Synod for endorsement:

Resolved, That our Theological Seminary is worthy of and ought to possess the entire confidence, the earnest prayers, and faithful cooperation of the churches.

The Board also brings before the Synod a request from the Professors, that foreigners shall be required to spend at least one year in our Seminary *previous to their* enrollment among our ministers. *The reason alleged is the striking* change which the Faculty have ob-

served to take place in the views, sentiments, and habits of persons (foreign birth and education, as the result of attendance on the exercise of the Seminary. The force of this consideration we must all fee and if nothing else were to be taken into the account, none would ol ject to the adoption of the suggestion. But the cases of foreigner desiring to come among us, are so diverse, that the adoption of th general rule proposed does not seem, to your Committee, to be exp dient. In some cases it may be desirable that they should at onc commence labors among those of their own tongue; in some cases i may be impossible from want of means to spend a year in the Sem nary; and in some cases the minister may be a man of standing an experience, and qualified at once to labor among us. It is the opinio of the Committee, that the Synod pass no rule upon the subject, bu leave it with the Classes to recommend the course suggested in suc cases as they may think proper.

In consequence of the inconvenience sometimes arising from th circumstance that the Classes frequently hold sessions for the exami nation of students for licensure on the same week with the meeting o the Board, the Committee, by request of the Board, recommend th following resolution for adoption by the Synod:

Resolved, That the Synod request the various Classes not to hol their special sessions for the examination of students for licensur during the week on which the Board of Superintendents holds it annual session.

3. Statements of the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds. Fron these it appears that there was a balance in hand of the former, c $2491.53, on the 1st day of April last, and of the latter, of $313.11 at the same date.

4. An application is made by the Classis of New-York, for a dis pensation in behalf of Francis Zastera, authorizing the Classis to ex amine him with a view to ordination to the Gospel ministry. Mr Zastera is a Bohemian convert from Popery, who has suffered muc for the sake of the Gospel—has been regularly educated for the Roma Catholic priesthood, to which he has been ordained—has been unde the care of the Classis for a year, has labored successfully in the ser vice of the American and Foreign Christian Union, and has deported him self to the satisfaction of the Classis. The Classis, believing him to b eminently qualified to become a laborer in the Lord's vineyard, an especially among the Roman Catholics, ask this dispensation. It i recommended that the request be granted.

The Classis of Greene recommends Isaac H. Collier, to receive ai from the Van Benschoten Fund.

The Classis of Geneva recommend James Huyssoon, to receive ai from the Knox Fund, or "any of the other vacant funds of th Church."

Resolved, That these recommendations be approved, provided tha the young men pass the examination required before the Board o *Superintendents*, or their Committee.

The Committee also recommend Philip Furbeck, Edward W. Bogardus, and John R. Rhinehart, who have already been examined by the Board of Superintendents, to receive aid from the Van Benschoten or Knox Funds.

Resolved, That they be recommended.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. D. DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Resolved, That the case of Mr. Markle be referred to the Committee of the Board of Superintendents and Faculty at their ensuing fall meeting, that it may be again considered, and if upon further examination he be found entitled, he may receive a professoral certificate.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATION.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, accompanied with a report of a committee of the said Board on the subject of the relations of the Church to the A. B. C. F. M., and recommending that the General Synod conduct their Foreign Missions in an independent manner, which were read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions. A letter was received from the Classis of Arcot, (India,) which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The annual sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions, was preached on the evening of the second day of the session, by the Rev. Harvey D. Ganse, from Mark 14 : 8, "*She hath done what she could.*"

The following report was received from the Committee appointe on the subject of raising a church building fund, which was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Elbert S Porter, Cornelius Van Santvoord, and William E. Turner; and th Elders, Abraham J. Beekman and Dennis Wortman.

The Committee on the Church Building Fund report that their actio has been much embarrassed by two causes; one was the resignatio of Dr. Chambers, as chairman of the Committee, and the other, th publication, by the Classis of New-York, of their views in reference t some of the benevolent operations of the Synod, at their session i October. Dr. Chambers, as one of the Committee, has urgently de sired to express his views on this subject to the Synod, and withou assuming any responsibility for them, the Committee have consente to present them in his own language, (see paper A;) whether they shal be embodied as part of the report or not, we leave to the judgmen of the Synod.

As the Synod, at their last meeting, thought proper to continue thi Committee, we have again appealed to the churches in behalf of th object. The result has been contributions amounting to $44.19, leav ing now in the hands of the treasurer, $362.22.

The Committee suggest that there are two objects of consideratio now before the Synod in connection with this matter. The first is whether the church building fund is of sufficient importance to be sus tained by the churches. The second is, whether the Church has th ability to raise the required amount. As to the first, we think tha while much may be done by occasional efforts in the building o churches, more good could be accomplished by a regular system o aid, founded upon well secured funds drawn from the whole Church Without such a system the contributions are liable to be uncertai and partial; many enterprises do and will languish for want of goo agents to appeal to individuals, or to bring their case before the public Besides this, such a fund would relieve ministers and laymen fro that personal solicitation which is commonly called "begging fo churches," and which tends greatly to secularize and depreciate th ministry. It is not necessary to say here how valuable would be th aid of such a fund to all our missionary operations, especially wher the sparseness of the population or the poverty of the people prevent the erection of a place of worship. These remarks need not be extended We can not doubt the advantages of such a fund, but it seems to b doubted by some whether the Church is able to add this to her othe objects of benevolence without injury to those of longer standing.

We might reply to this objection, that this fund was proposed as necessary auxiliary to the Missionary Society, and is intended as a par of its appropriate means of usefulness. Next to obtaining a minister it is important to have a place where he can efficiently labor. Bu without dwelling upon that point, let us look at the benevolent re sources of our Church. Last year, all our churches together contrib uted about $80,000 to benevolent objects, an increase of $5000 ove *the preceding year,* and of $20,000 over the year 1853, so that ther

has been a very encouraging improvement in the benevolent means of our Church up to this time. What it is this year remains to be seen; according to this ratio of increase, we ought to have $85,000 as the amount now reported. At all events the Church has not grown poorer, nor exhausted its resources, and it will not be denied that if it gave $80,000 last year, it would raise without great inconvenience $90,000 next year; now, for the sake of round numbers, let us make $100,000 the extent of the benevolent means of the whole Church for next year. Suppose you give to the Board of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, and Education, $20,000 each, and which is a great deal more than has yet been done, and this leaves $40,000 to be distributed to the Bible Society, the Tract Society, Publication Board, and Sunday-School, sustentation fund, and church building fund, to each upwards of $6000, for our share of which, we, of this last named fund, would be very thankful as a beginning. Of course these reported amounts do not include all the private donations of individuals, so that besides the regular supply, there would be a large margin left for other objects.

It may well be a question with this Synod whether the resources of our Church are economically used, that is, whether a just proportion of our means is given to home purposes. We believe that out of $80,000 reported last year, the Boards of our Church did not receive over, if as much as, $30,000. How the remainder was distributed—to what other agencies and other benevolent schemes—we have not the means of ascertaining. Have we provided as we should have done for our own household of faith? Your Committee are not prepared to recommend any specific action in reference to this object. The money already obtained had been lying idle last year; we presume it is now invested. If some plan could be adopted by the Synod which should result in a more equal distribution of the benevolent contributions of the Church, it would certainly add to the extension and efficiency of our denomination.

Does it not, most of all, become us, as a church of Christ, to elicit and cherish in every way the spirit of an enlarged Christian liberality. The tendencies to pride and covetousness can be met and resisted only by constantly reminding the followers of Christ that their gold and silver are the Lord's, and that using it freely in extending his cause and kingdom is the best and noblest method of making friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. Among all the contributors to the cause of Christ during the last ten years, we do not believe that one has become poorer for his gifts. The truest martyr of the age is the Christian of this country, who has suffered in body, mind or estate, by offering his gift of faith and love upon the altar of Christ.

We are admonished by the death of a member of this Committee, that the uncertainties and shortness of life require us to do quickly what we have to do.

Mr. Albert Christie was a useful, liberal, and cautious Christian. His declining health prevented him from active labor, but his zeal was constant in doing good, and his memory is most precious to those who best knew him.

Although your Committee have no plan to propose to the Synod, they desire and request to be released from any further responsibility in this matter, and would suggest that this fund be put under the care of the Domestic Missionary Society, subject to the conditions and provisions of its institution.

The Committee to whom the above report was referred reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Standing Committee on "the Church Building Fund," would respectfully report: In the original constitution of the Board of Domestic Missions, provision was made for the creation of a building fund, which provision was not attempted to be carried out until the year 1854, when the Board submitted to General Synod a definite plan for the formation and distribution of a building fund. This plan was unanimously adopted by the Synod, and the Classes requested to take a simultaneous collection in its behalf. As, however, several other objects of benevolence were brought before the Church at the date of the adoption of this plan, its claims were necessarily for a time thrown into abeyance. Your Committee believe that there is still a high necessity resting upon the Dutch Church to make a provision for her more rapid extension; that a church building fund will prove very serviceable to our domestic missionary operations, and, therefore, ought to be made complete. In the judgment of this Committee, the plan, as adopted, seems judicious and wise, and in need of no amendment or alteration. It remains for the Synod to adopt now such measures as will eventually secure for this fund the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars. Your Committee would recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be directed to invest the money contributed for this fund, now in their hands, at 7 per cent., to be added yearly to the principal.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions be directed to take such measures as they may deem best to secure as soon as may be the amount necessary to complete the fund.

June 10, 1856. E. S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. D.D. Demarest, from Isaiah 54 : 2, 3 : "*Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation: spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes: for thou shalt break forth on the right hand*

and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report as follows:

They have read with much interest the Annual Report of our Domestic Missionary Board, and consider it both full and satisfactory. The facts and arguments which it embodies, are lucidly arranged and cogently expressed. Its views of truth and of duty appear eminently scriptural. The considerations which it presents as motives and encouragements for increased effort, are drawn from the very highest and best source. The document ought to be published in a separate form by the Board, and to be extensively read and pondered. Your Committee have little to do but reïterate its recommendations, and to reduce them to a practical form for the action of Synod.

The only point on which your Committee are left to speak without assistance, relates to the individual who is charged with the most difficult and responsible agency in this department of our evangelical labors. The evidence before us is entirely convincing that our Secretary has discharged the duties of his place with fidelity and wisdom; and that his office is indispensable to the successful prosecution of this work. In devising and concerting measures, in developing our resources, in exploring the whole field before us, in selecting new stations, in judiciously distributing aid, in awakening the churches, in inspiring them with confidence, in warming their hearts with the spirit of their Master, and in securing the coöperation of all in the same great enterprise, there must be a central and controlling power—a mainspring of action; and your Committee feel constrained to congratulate the Church on having at present the services of one who appears eminently qualified for his responsible place.

Among other things, we are indebted to our Secretary for systematizing our missionary operations in such a manner as must conduce greatly to their efficiency. He has already accomplished much in this direction, and is aiming at still more. One or more of his recommendations will at this time be submitted to the consideration of the Synod.

Although we can not with propriety give all the details of his report, it may not be superfluous to repeat the gratifying facts, that the total amount of contributions from the churches, for the year ending June 1, 1856, is $13,911.73; receipts from all sources, $19,168.43; being an increase over the year preceeding, of $5256.78.

One hundred and twenty-eight churches have contributed nothing, against 144 which were thus delinquent during the year previous.

Twelve churches, aided by the Board, have enjoyed seasons of refreshing, and the number of members received on confession of their faith, is 587. This is an increase over the previous year of 151, while the number of mission churches is 13 less.

New fields of labor are continually opening and enlarging befor us, especially in the mighty West; and they can not fail of awakenin the deepest anxieties of all who bestow any serious reflection upon th religious prospects of our country. It is truly appalling to see ho rapidly our population is swarming and spreading over regions s vast and so fertile, without any thing like an adequate increase of thos influences which are essential to its permanent harmony and wel being. The best interests of our great Republic are inseparably co nected with its religious institutions; and as certainly as we outgro these, we shall dry up every well-spring of our national prosperit It will be a deep stain of both guilt and reproach on the character o our communion, if we do not bear our part in planting ministers an churches all over those growing empires which are so loudly callin upon us to come over and help them. The question is one in whic is involved not only our own honor, but, what is of vastly greater co cern, the glory of our Saviour, and the extension of his kingdon among unborn millions.

As it is already the settled policy of our Church to occupy th West, your Committee feel constrained to reürge special attention t some central points, which are not only important in themselves, bu must prove efficient auxiliaries in successfully prosecuting our labor around them. It needs no argument to prove that such posts as Bu falo, Chicago, and some others, should be well manned and well su tained, in order to secure ulterior benefits.

No part of the papers which have been referred to your Committee has afforded them greater pleasure, or stronger hope, than the solem and impressive manner in which they lead us to the cross, as tha great central altar whose live coals can touch, and purify, and inflam all our powers and all our desires. At that cross, and from tha infinitude of love which it exhibits, we can learn both to humble our selves for our past delinquencies, and feel strengthened for the grea work before us. The cross furnishes lessons and motives unspeakabl superior to all others; and it is our wisdom to keep these fully i view, as is here done, and never allow them to be either obscured o weakened by unduly magnifying such as at their best are of les value, and yet may be so used as to injure ourselves and disgust ou neighbors. We need to be more like him who said: "God forbi that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, b which the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world." Me are too prone to magnify the importance and excellence of thing which appertain to themselves, and in the same proportion they ofte detract from the praises of another. Yet we are taught that in th day of the Gospel's triumph, "the Lord alone shall be exalted." "N flesh should glory in his presence; but let him that glorieth, glory i the Lord." This is the point on which true Christians of every nam must unite; and in proportion as they do so, they will be "strong i the Lord, and in the power of his might." Our seminaries are not filled our churches are not supplied, our missionary fields are not harvested, ou *country is not saved* from irreligion, and the heathen are not gathered in *because Christians do* not come more fully into the spirit of their Savio

There must be some great hindrance in the Church itself; and this will not be removed until they are again, as they were at first, "of one heart and one mind." Our divisions weaken us. The want of union and concert among Christians gives their great adversary every advantage. Our prayers are not heard, because of our selfish and carnal preferences. Things of an earthly origin are not duly subordinated to those of God. When our Missionary Board bring us to the cross, they bring us to him that was slain upon it. They intend that we should look upon things as Christ does, and that we should drink into his self-sacrificing spirit; that the same mind should be in us which was in him; that we should pray as he prayed, and then not act inconsistently with our prayers. There must be much more of the power of Christ's teaching in the Church at large, including ourselves, before we can hope to see our land become Emmanuel's, and heathen nations to the uttermost parts of the earth, the actual inheritance and possession of him that has bought them with his blood. The teeming millions around us on every side, are perishing, because Christians will not unite to save them; because Christians will not fully yield either to the authority or to the love of him who prayed, "that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they all may be one in us, THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME."

The Committee beg leave to present the following resolutions for the action of Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That every Classis have a Standing Committee on Domestic Missions, or if they choose on Benevolence.

2. *Resolved*, That the business of this Committee be to see, that every church within its bounds, with or without a pastor, does something for this object.

3. *Resolved*, That it report in full to the Classis at each stated meeting.

4. *Resolved*, That their report be embodied in the annual report of the Classis on the state of the churches, and be thus sent up to the General Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That there is abundant reason for thanksgiving to God, in the measure of success which has attended our Domestic Missions.

6. *Resolved*, That an enlarged liberality be recommended to the churches within our bounds, not only in reference to the existing and highly interesting engagements of the Board, but in view of the Western fields which have been opened, and the extensive occupation of which is so important to our denominational prosperity, and the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

7. *Resolved*, That, in order to prevent an unprofitable use of the moneys contributed to the Domestic Missionary Board, the Classes be urged to exercise a rigid discrimination in recommending churches for aid, and that the Board of Domestic Missions be authorized to take such steps as they may deem necessary, to terminate a protracted dependence on the part of some churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. VAN VECHTEN, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was adopted, as far as to the discussion of the question of the connection of the Synod with the A. B. C. F. M.

Synod took up the consideration of the resolutions appended to the report. The subject having been discussed at length, it was

Resolved, That the matter contained in these resolutions in relation to the connection with the A. B. C. F. M., be referred to the next General Synod.

The part of the report which was adopted is as follows:

The following papers have been referred to this Committee:

I. The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.
II. Treasurer's Report.
III. The Report of the Committee on our relations to the A. B. C. F. M.
IV. Letter from Dr. Anderson.
V. Bundle of Letters from several ministers, on dissolving our connection with the A. B. C. F. M.
VI. Report of the Classis of Arcot.

The Committee have carefully examined these papers, and beg leave respectfully to report.

I. *The Board of Foreign Missions.*—The annual survey of our missionary field, and the record of our missionary work, has not always been either gratifying to our feelings or encouraging to our hopes.

The time was, when we mourned over the discontinuance of our Mission on the Island of Borneo, and looked in vain for the ways and means to revive and carry it forward; and when our feeble band were transferred to other nations, and the whitening fields promised a rich harvest, the cry for more laborers fell upon unwilling ears, and year after year our numbers were not increased. It seemed as if a blight had fallen upon the awakened energies of the Church, and that our hopeful beginning would end in disastrous failure. But now the prospect brightens. God has taught us that a temporary embarrassment may sometimes give a new impulse to waning zeal, and lead to such a change of policy and effort, that defeat in one direction may be victory in another. The withdrawment of our missionaries from the scattered Chinamen of Borneo, and sending them to Amoy, in the midst of millions far more accessible, was evidently the providence of God, working out his gracious purpose by our instrumentality, and appointing our sphere of labor where he had a blessing in store for us. And who can not see the overruling hand of the Great Head of the Church, in the establishment of the Arcot Mission? By a series of remarkable providences, God has gathered into one ecclesiastical family that band of brothers—united by the double tie of fraternal love and entire consecration to the missionary work. We now have the Classis of Arcot, composed of the five sons of Dr. Scudder, with elders from the churches they have organized among their heathen converts. They are in the midst of a large and populous district of country—a

vast field whitening for the harvest and crying for richer supplies and more laborers—and where the measure of blessing already enjoyed, encourages the hope of far greater things in store, to increase our faith and gladden our hearts. The Rev. Wm. Scudder, in behalf of the Mission, thus describes their field and prospects of usefulness: "The Madras Presidency," etc., (see report of Dr. De Witt.)

Thus it appears that there is nothing to limit the enlargement of their Mission, but the want of means and the want of men.

They say: "We have organized three churches in accordance with the rules of our body; one at Vellore, one at Chittoor, the other at Arnee. We have thirty-four church-members, three catechists, and four Christian schools. We have also a class of twelve promising youths, selected for the purpose of being more thoroughly prepared to aid us in our labors. The Gospel Propagation Society is now negotiating with us in regard to transferring their congregations at Vellore and Chittoor to our care."

Since this report of the state of the Mission was written, their number has been increased by the arrival of Ezekiel and Jared Scudder, who manifest the same entire consecration to the missionary work, as seems to characterize their older brothers. These missionaries express the most devoted attachment to the Church with which they are connected, and desire to carry with them its doctrines, forms of government, and worship, and all its distinctive attributes, as far as they can be retained on heathen ground, and become adapted to a primitive state. They look to us to sympathize with them, to pray for them, to send them the necessary supplies. They say: "We want more men; we have a great field; we can do but little of the immense labor that crowds upon us even into our very doors. Let the Dutch Church feel her responsibilities; let her gird herself for the work; let her mark out her path; let her send forth her forces."

It can hardly be that the Church will turn a deaf ear to such an earnest, importunate appeal, or in any way prove unfaithful to the trust her sons repose in her.

THE AMOY MISSION.

The Amoy Mission, where the brethren Doty and Talmage have labored long and arduously, and with the most encouraging results, is now strengthened by the accession of the Rev. John S. Jerolamon and his wife, who have safely reached their destined field, and who now, no doubt, are actively engaged in their missionary work. This Mission is awakening a deep and wide-spread interest, and holding out the brightest promise of efficiency and success. The missionaries seem to be men full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and God has crowned their labors with the richest blessings.

Mr. Talmage, in a letter dated Jan. 9, 1856, writes: "During the year 1855, we baptized and received into the Church between seventy-five and eighty persons, at Amoy and at the two stations in the country; during the previous year we baptized over fifty converts. Thus our *labor in this place* has been wonderfully blessed, and yet

comparing the number of the inhabitants with the whole number of converts, how very small the number appears! The harvest, indeed, is plenteous, but the laborers are very few; who will come over and help us?" In another letter, dated February 5, 1856, it is added: "Five persons received baptism at Chiohbe, and the same number at Amoy, on the preceding Sabbath.

Oh, how these brethren long to see in the midst of the teeming millions of China, such an array of men, and other instrumentalities, as will correspond with the vastness of the field, and the promise of a rich and abundant harvest. They look to the Church, in whose bosom they were nurtured, by whose fostering care they were prepared for their work, and in obedience to whose request they have gone to preach the Gospel to the perishing heathen. They must not look in vain.

The appropriation to the Arcot Mission for 1855, was $5121.58; to Amoy, $4886.88—amounting to $10,000. Total receipts for the last year, $12,164.95, an increase over the preceding year of $623.63. The addition of three missionary families which has just been made, will demand an enlarged liberality, if we would sustain our own missions, and advance in the work as the providence of God points out the way.

The formation of the Classis of Arcot, and the prospect of another at Amoy, bringing these two promising missions into distinct ecclesiastical relations with us, has already suggested the inquiry: Ought not the Church to assume the entire management and control of its missionary operations, in the Foreign as well as in the Domestic field? and this brings us to the consideration of that most important subject, which has been referred to this Committee. The expediency of dissolving the relations we sustain to the American Board, and conducting our Foreign Mission by the agency of our own Board.

[The Synod having ordered that the discussion of this subject, together with the resolutions proposed by the Committee, should not be printed, and the whole subject having been referred to the next General Synod, that part of the report is omitted.]

The Committee can not close their report without commending anew this cause to the sympathies, prayers, and efforts of all the churches.

The Master has evidently endowed his kingdom upon earth with all the necessary means of its own extension and triumph. Thus, as we survey the craving wants of heathendom, and then turn from them to a view of our own resources, we find every needed adaptation of the means to the end. The Church's victory is clearly before us, and the means of securing it are within our reach. Wealth, talents, opportunities, are placed at our command, and more than all, the pledged Spirit of grace is ready to coöperate with them, and clothe them with resistless efficacy. Such being the case, why is not our victory achieved? Should not the apparent distance of that goal, and the Church's slow progress towards it, lead us to, at least, question our faithfulness *in duty*, and to ask in what respect we are remiss.

1. Perhaps one important failure in duty may be found in a too

prevalent *want of faith* in the Church's destiny. We all profess to *believe* the inspired predictions upon this subject; but is it not rather with a cold, sluggish expectation of what *God* will do, than with a warm, living, active faith in what the Church shall be permitted to accomplish through him? We need better to apprehend the *reality* of the coming universal kingdom, the plain *fact* of the Redeemer's triumph over all nations. This sublime certainty should take a deep hold on our minds, and deeply move our hearts, and thoroughly possess our whole beings, until it has impelled us to those efforts which it is so well calculated to inspire.

2. Is there not also wanting a more thorough conviction of man's lost estate, as well as of the power of the Gospel to save them? While we all believe in the sad doom of the ungodly, yet do we enough picture to ourselves this fact in its relation to the millions who are yet out of Christ? Do we suffer ourselves to dwell upon the deplorable certainty, that "he that believeth not shall be damned;" and then view in imagination the vast procession of immortal spirits, who, moment by moment, go down to eternal burnings? No new truths are requisite to arouse us to our duty. When those we are familiar with, so familiar indeed that they have lost, with many, their awful import, shall have become matters of deep abiding *conviction* in our hearts, as well as of assent in our minds, we shall hardly need another motive to devotedness in this work

The same may be said of that other, and corresponding kind of faith, a strong confidence in the efficacy of salvation for *all the perishing.*

He takes a low view of Christ's redemption, who considers it only in its application to himself. The true Gospel idea, while beginning with individuals, stops not until it has embraced the globe. The remedy is adapted to all, and freely offered to all, and there should always be interwoven with our views of it, this one of its vast and general efficacy.

What we need, then, is, that every Christian possess a thorough conviction, not only of his own sin, but of that of the world; not only of his own misery apart from Christ, but that of a Christless world; not only of his own salvation through grace, but of that salvation as possible, and at some day certain to all mankind. We need to identify ourselves with our race, to shake off that selfishness which can be happy without making others happy, and which can make that which God designs for *all men*, a matter of exclusive enjoyment.

Here is a great barrier to the progress of God's kingdom, which must be broken down before that kingdom will triumph in the world. No such narrow-minded policy can usher in the Redeemer's triumph, no such contracted views can be made consistent with our own or others' welfare.

Let us then appeal to all lovers of Zion, no longer to cherish these low, selfish views of duty, no longer to thus dishonor God and cripple their own labors in his cause.

If certain perdition awaits all who die out of Christ; if the millions of heathen are ignorant of the Saviour; if salvation is held out to

them through the Gospel that is in our possession; if God has given us the means of extending to them that Gospel, and has opened the way for its promulgation; and if, especially, the omnipotent Spirit is pledged in our behalf; then who can sit still, or forbear to act upon these solemn and mighty truths? Who that has faith in the most familiar doctrines of our holy religion, can fail to see them in this their application to "a world that lieth in wickedness?"

We present no other plea. Let this simple one have its weight and impel us to our immediate duty. The cries of those that are ready to perish, the promptings of an enlarged charity and compassion, the voice of conscience, the glowing prophecies of success, and the Master's plain command, plead with us all to say, "Go, preach the Gospel to every creature." R. WELLS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which refers to our relations to the A. B. C. F. M. be not printed in the minutes, but transmitted to the next Synod, with the documents accompanying it, namely: the report signed by Rev. Dr. Ferris, and the papers transmitted with it.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to send up to the next Synod a full statement of the expenses that would probably be incurred by an independent missionary establishment.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, namely: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., William W. Halloway, and Messrs. William B. Crosby and John T. Moore.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., was chosen *primarius*, to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. William J. R. Taylor, *secundus*. The Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D., was chosen *primarius*, to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., *secundus*.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. George H. Fisher, D.D., Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., John Garretson, D.D., John Knox, D.D., and Harvey D. Ganse, and Messrs. Leonard W. Kip, Benjamin C. Miller, and Stephen Garretson.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund would report, that from the papers referred to them, it appears, that the income of this fund for the past year, was $2255.64. Of this sum $1081.10 has been paid by clerical subscribers, the remainder has accrued from interest on funds invested. There has been added to the principal $357.52, collected in eleven churches, and $500 paid by a minister to constitute himself a member for life, amounting to $857.52.

Annuities have been paid to nine persons, to the amount of $1378.12. The balance of income in the hands of the Treasurer is $346.54.

The list of clerical subscribers to this fund, shows that 84 have made each one or more annual payments. Of whom or their widows, nine have become annuitants. Six of the subscribers have each paid $500, the sum necessary to constitute them members for life.

A letter from the Rev. Isaac S. Demund, was referred to your Committee. In this he states, that he has, for many years, been a minister in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, but has now entered the German Reformed Church. He has made three annual payments to the Widows' Fund, and requests the privilege of continuing his payments, and retaining his interest in the fund. There seems to be an insuperable constitutional objection to the granting his request; the Committee would therefore recommend that his request be not granted.

Respectfully submitted. A. H. MYERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Second Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication have examined carefully the report of the Board of Publication, which was referred to them, and they express their hearty gratification in discovering the unexpected financial stability to which that Board has already attained. They regard the *practicability of the scheme* as demonstrated; so that the Synod can

have no motive to withdraw from the work, unless it has come to question its importance. But upon this point, your Committee are persuaded, no considerable doubts are entertained. The fear in many honest minds has been, that that Board would hang helplessly about the neck of the Church, and demand a measure of support entirely disproportioned to any results that might fairly be expected from it. That fear, your Committee think, must be dissipated by the lucid business statement embodied in the report of the Board. It can only be necessary to spread this statement before the churches, and to add the hearty endorsement of this body to secure such coöperation of our churches as shall rapidly advance the Board from a condition of mere stability to one of complete efficiency. In view, however, of the many coördinate efforts which our Church is now making in the cause of Christ, your Committee are not sure that it would be advisable to attempt to raise by any immediate effort, the capital of $10,000, which the Board regards as necessary to its most successful action. Your Committee have reason to believe that the Board will be pleased with the postponement of such an attempt to some future day, and with the present adoption of a resolution like the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be commended to the confidence of all our churches, and that each church be requested to make a contribution to the funds of that Board during the following ecclesiastical year.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Board of Publication, your Committee recommend that that Board and the Sabbath-School Board be directed to allow each other a discount of 20 per cent, on all sales of their respective publications.

Your Committee farther approve the suggestion of the Board in regard to the monthly paper, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Boards of our Church be recommended to employ the columns of "The Sower," in communicating to the churches knowledge of their respective operations, and that it be farther recommended that each Board bear so great a proportion of the expenses of that paper as may seem to it to be just.

It is believed that the outlay thus demanded from each Board will be more than compensated in the facilities which the "Sower" offers for urging their several claims before the churches.

The Board requests that Section 1st, Article 4th, of its constitution, be so amended as to increase the number of its Executive Committee from seven to nine. The design of the proposed change is to secure more of the judgment and tact of business men in the conduct of the affairs of the Board. Your Committee recommend that the proposed change be made in the terms suggested in the report of the Board.

In accordance with the further request of the Board, your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of each Classis be directed to send

to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board official information of the names of the Committee on Colportage, appointed by the Classis.

Resolved, That such Committees on Colportage be requested to search out persons qualified to labor as colporteurs, and to notify the Board of such, and farther to use their utmost endeavors that, when a colporteur labors within the bounds of a Classis, his salary and expenses be raised within that Classis.

Your Committee have examined the copy of the letters of Rev. Dr. Scudder, under the title, "A Voice from the East," and consider it in its mechanical execution, but especially in its matter, worthy of the most extended circulation throughout our churches and Sabbath-schools. The relation which the volume sustains to the memory of a faithful and beloved servant of Christ and of the Church, the fact that the Synod has ordered its publication, and, more than all, its admirable adaptation to nourish a missionary spirit in the minds of the young, make it proper, in the opinion of your Committee, to do in this instance what could not well be done in regard to every particular issue of the Board, namely, to give that volume the hearty commendation of the Synod. The Committee accordingly suggest the following resolution:

Resolved, That the volume of Dr. Scudder's letters to children, entitled "A Voice from the East," should, in the opinion of this Synod, have a place in every Sabbath-school and family in our Church.

Respectfully submitted. H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication, whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, namely: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., Elbert S. Porter, Abraham Polhemus, Thomas C. Strong, and Messrs. James Myers, Jonathan S. Burr, Maurice E. Viele, and Mortimer De Motte.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

A letter was received from Dr. John P. Gray, inviting the Synod to visit the State Lunatic Asylum. It was

Resolved, That the invitation be accepted.

The Rev. John A. Todd and John A. Lansing, and the Elder David Sarvan, were appointed a Committee of Canvass to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for

Delegate to the General Assembly, and for persons to preach the annual missionary sermons, and the sermon on education, before the Synod, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

A statement was presented by the Elder A. Watson, in relation to certain typographical mistakes in the Psalm and Hymn Book, when it was

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Board of Corporation.

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of the Stated Clerk be allowed to him in addition to his salary.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill for printing the Revised Liturgy.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

Fifty copies of the Seventh Annual Report of the American and Foreign Christian Union, were received and distributed among the members.

Copies of the 46th Annual Report of the A. B. C. F. M., and of the Report of the Deputation to India, together with other tracts and pamphlets published by the Board, were received and distributed among the members.

Resolved, That this Synod reposes undiminished confidence in the wisdom and integrity which have characterized the past administration of the American Tract Society, and cordially recommend that institution to the favor of the Church.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report that the following *bills have been* presented to them, namely:

A bill from Tiffany and Arnott, for stationery,.....	$4.00
" from Ellis H. Roberts, for printing,.....	5.00
For Postage Stamps taken from the Clerks' table,.....	30
" Envelopes,.....	25
The Doorkeeper's bill for services, stationery, etc.,.....	13.00
Amounting in all to.....	$22.55

All which they recommend to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. VAN DOREN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be offered to the Consistory of this church for the use of their church edifice during the session of the body.

Resolved, That our particular acknowledgments are due to the Rev. Dr. Fisher, and to Messrs. Brayton, Clark, Bagg, and Willard, deacons of the church, for their most kind attention in receiving and locating the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That the members of this body will retain the most pleasant and grateful recollections of the graceful and attentive hospitality which they have received from the families of this congregation and of the city of Utica, during the session now closed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the congregation of the Reformed Dutch Church of Utica, for their unexpected generosity and kindness in favoring the members of this Synod with a free excursion to Trenton Falls.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Managers of the New-York State Lunatic Asylum, for the privilege afforded to the members of the Synod of visiting this institution and witnessing its internal arrangements.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Charles A. Mann, for his courtesy in inviting the Synod to visit the Utica Steam Cotton Mills, and for his kind attention in receiving the members, and exhibiting to them the different parts of this most flourishing manufactory.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the Rev. John T. M. Davie, A. A. Willets, and the Elders, John Remsen, Joseph Thompson, John Markle, and Cornelius Groot, were absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated session of the General Synod be held in the Reformed Dutch Church in Ithaca.

Synod adjourned to meet in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the village of Ithaca, on the first Wednesday in June, 1857, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and was closed with prayer and pronouncing the apostolical benediction by the President.

FRANCIS M. KIP, *President.*
CORNELIUS VAN SANTVOORD, *Adsessor.*
RICHARD H. STEELE, } *Clerks pro tem.*
JOHN MASON FERRIS, }
THOS. C. STRONG, *Permanent Clerk.*

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Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Francis M. Kip, the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from Ephesians 3:10, "*To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D. D., H. D. Ganse, (1). *Elders*—Louis J. Belloni, Jacob S. Beekman, James W. Beekman, (7).

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Philip M. Brett, John B. Steele. *Elders*—

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. John F. Mesick, D. D., John A. Van Doren, William Pitcher, (1) *Elders*—John B. Brokaw, Abm. A. Beekman, John Stoothoff.

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(7) Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. James Scott, D.D., Alexander H. Warner, Charles Parker. *Elders*—Stafford H. W. Heath, J. Dunn Littell.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Isaac D. Cole. *Elder*—Cornelius J. Smith.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. John H. Manning, Acman P. Van Gieson, Conrad Dickhaut, (1) (9). *Elders*—F. J. Hosford, John Skillman, John Doty.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, G. H. Mandeville, James Demarest. *Elder*—Hendrickson Jarvis, (2).

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. John H. Bevier, Francis M. Kip, Henry Dater. *Elders*—William H. Crosby, William Broas.

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, William Fulton, (1) (3). *Elders*—Daniel S. Jones, James B. Adams, (6).

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Nathaniel Conklin. *Elder*—Abraham A. Jacobus, (9).

11. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John G. Johnson, Ira C. Boice, (1). *Elder*—Stephen Rossman, (1) (10).

12. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Aaron A. Marsellus, William S. Moore, Philip Phelps, (1). *Elder*—Charles Dusenberry.

13. *From the Classis of Monmouth.*—Rev. Alburtis Van De Water, A. C. Millspaugh. *Elder*—Abram Antonides, (6).

14. *From the Classis of Arcot, (India.)*—Rev. William W. Scudder. *Elder*—

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, D.D., John Simonson, (9). *Elders*—William McElroy, John Soop, (9) Richard V. De Witt.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. James McFarlane, (8) John C. F. Hoes, D.D., Abraham Fort, (4). *Elders*—Philip Hendricks, (9) James Martin, (1) (8) James Welles, (4).

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(2) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.
(3) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
(4) Took his seat on the third day of the session.
(6) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(9) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
(10) Obtained leave of absence on the ninth day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. William W. Letson, (9) Elbert Nevins, (1) (9) Richard H. Steele, (1) (10). *Elder*—Bartholomew Van Buren, (1) (9).

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., John B. Shaw, (5). *Elders*—Ezra Smith, (10) E. Andrews, (9).

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Cornelius Gates, John W. Hammond. *Elder*—

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Wm. G. E. See, (6) J. M. Scribner, (1) (6). *Elders*—Peter S. Danforth, (6) Frederick Bassler, (8).

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Peter H. Burghardt, Cyril Spaulding, Cornelius L. Wells. *Elder*—John D. Ogsbury.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Seth P. M. Hastings, (8) Wilson Ingalls, (1) William Wolff, (1) (6). *Elder*—Edward S. Brayton, (1).

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Martin V. Schoonmaker, Stephen Searle, Samuel W. Mills, (1). *Elders*—Alvan B. Preston, Jacob V. B. Fowler, Joseph G. Millspaugh, (9).

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. John Steele, Ransom B. Welch, (6) William D. Buckelew, (1). *Elder*—Benjamin Winnie (6).

11. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. John Dubois, (9). *Elder*—

12. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. John W. Schenck, George J. Van Neste, J. W. Dunnewald, (1). *Elders*—Cornelius Post, (10) George W. Eilenbergh, (9) George P. Frost.

13. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. John N. Jansen, Anson Dubois, John L. McNair. *Elders*—Teunis J. Houghtaling, (9) Richard Hardenburgh, Clinton Woolsey, (1) (10).

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Eltinge, (1). *Elder*—John S. Wyckoff, (1) (9).

2. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. Joseph H. Kershow, (1) (8). *Elder*—

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(5) Took his seat on the fourth day of the session.
(6) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(9) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
(10) Obtained leave of absence on the ninth day of the session.

the Rev. William W. Scudder, *Adsessor;* a
Steele and John L. McNair, *Clerks pro tem*

ARTICLE IV.

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These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITT

On Domestic Missions.—Rev. John F. Mesick, John G. Johnson, and John Dubois; and the Elders, Alvan B. Preston and Frederick Bassler.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Harvey D. Ganse, Ebenezer P. Rogers, and Cornelius L. Wells; and the Elders, Abraham A. Beekman and Philip Hendricks.

On Accounts.—Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, Cyril Spaulding, and John W. Hammond; and the Elders, John D. Ogsbury and William Broas.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Alexander H. Warner, Martin V. Schoonmaker, and Nathaniel Conklin; and the Elders, Cornelius J. Smith and F. J. Hosford.

On Correspondence.—Rev. John C. F. Hoes, John Simonson, and William H. Ten Eyck; and the Elders, Louis J. Belloni and Cornelius Post.

On Education.—Rev. James Scott, Francis M. Kip, and A. P. Van Gieson; and the Elders, Daniel S. Jones and Abraham A. Jacobus.

On Nominations.—Rev. John A. Van Doren, Philip M. Brett, and Ramson B. Welch; and the Elders, John Skillman and Teunis J. Houghtaling.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. Anson Dubois, James McFarlane, and Giles H. Mandeville; and the Elders, George B. Frost and Benjamin Winnie.

On Publication.—Rev. Isaac D. Cole, George J. Van Neste, and John H. Bevier; and the Elders, Richard V. De Witt and Edwin Andrews.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, A. A. Marselus, and John N. Jansen; and the Elders, Peter S. Danforth and Edward S. Brayton.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORTS, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS, MAY 21ST, 1857.

To the General Synod:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, in New Brunswick, on Tuesday, May 19th, 1857,

at 11 o'clock, A.M. In the absence of the President, Rev. G. Ludlow, D.D., the Rev. N. J. Marcelus, D.D., was called to the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present:

N. J. Marcelus, D.D.,	C. E. Crispell,
John De Witt,	Philip Phelps,
P. D. Van Cleef,	A. C. Millspaugh,
F. H. Vanderveer,	J. A. Lansing,
A. Elmendorf,	N. F. Chapman,
J. B. Alliger,	J. R. Talmage,
A. Polhemus, D.D.,	S. T. Searle,
C. S. Mead,	Edwin Vedder,
A. J. Swits,	G. H. Fisher, D.D.,
M. N. McLaren, D.D.,	J. R. Van Arsdale.

Some difference of opinion prevailed upon the question, whether A. Polhemus, D.D., was a member of the Board. When a member of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, he was appointed a member of the Board; since his appointment he has left the Classis of Poughkeepsie, and connected himself with the Classis of Bergen. The Board, after some discussion, decided that he was a member, and he accordingly took his seat. This decision is submitted to Synod for its consideration.

There were no members present from the following Classes: South Classis of New York, Philadelphia, Passaic, Illinois, Wisconsin, Greene, Watervliet, Michigan, Holland, and Arcot.

The Rev. M. N. McLaren, D.D., was chosen President, and the Rev. J. A. Lansing, Clerk *pro tem.*

The following extracts from the report of the Professors give us the number and names of the young men who have been in attendance during the year, and the testimony respecting their progress and general demeanor.

The following persons have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary during the past year:

Resident Graduate—E. Tanjore Corwin.—1.

Senior Class.

Henry E. Decker,	Josiah Markle,
John McC. Holmes,	J. Howard Suydam,
James Le Fevre,	H. P. Thompson.—6.

Middle Class.

William T. Enyard,	Daniel Kapalje,
John S. Lott,	F. W. A. Riedel,
John C. Lowe,	Jeremiah Searle, Jr.,
Joseph Mayou,	Mason R. Strong,
Alex. McKelvy,	Robert G. Strong,
Jacob F. Neef,	J. B. Thompson,
Alvin Ostrom,	Augustus F. Todd.—14.

Junior Class.

Jacob Chamberlain, Jr.,	John R. Leslie,
Hasbrouck Du Bois,	William E. New,
Philip Furbeck,	Charles D. Nott,
Maurice G. Hansen,	Henry Schiebe,
James Huyssoon	William A. Shaw,
Josiah Jansen,	C. G. Van Derveer,
A. W. Knowlton,	Ed. M. Wiess.–14.—Total 35.

Mr. William E. New withdrew from the Seminary after a connection of four months. Doctrinal difficulties caused him to ask for a dismission. It was regretted by the Faculty that he should have withdrawn before he had received any instruction in Systematic Theology.

From the interest which the students take in Sabbath schools, prayer meetings, tract distribution and other efforts, and also from the direct religious influence which they have exerted upon the students of the College, it is thought that the young men now in a course of training give more than ordinary promise of usefulness in the Christian Ministry.

The Senior Class was examined in all the departments of study, as also on their personal piety, their views of entering the Ministry, and their manner of preaching. The Middle and Junior Classes were examined in the departments of oriental languages and biblical literature, and the former also in Didactic Theology. Their examination in the department of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government was omitted, in consequence of the illness of the Professor of this department. Upon the conclusion of the examinations it was resolved that the examinations of the several classes be sustained, and that the members of the senior class be recommended to the Theological Faculty for the usual Professoral certificate.

The annual sermon before the Board was preached by the Rev. A. Elmendorf, on the evening of the first day of the session, from Matthew, 13: 31, 32; and the address to the students by the Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., on the evening of the second day.

The following young men, recommended by Classes for aid to pursue their studies, were, after an examination, recommended to the Board of Education, viz:

Francis M. Bogardus,	from the	Classis of	Schoharie.
Henry W. F. Jones,	"	"	New Brunswick.
J. Walter Beardslee,	"	"	New Brunswick.
Nath. F. Van Arsdale,	"	"	New Brunswick.
John Justin,	"	"	New Brunswick.
Joseph H. Doremus,	"	"	Passaic.
Henry H. Hutchinson,	"	"	Passaic.
George Seibert,	"	"	Bergen.
Thornton Van Vliet,	"	South Classis of	L. I.
Julius W. Geyer,	"	Classis of	Cayuga.

Of the above, Thornton Van Vliet requests to be recommended to the Van Benschoten Fund.

The Board learn with deep regret the illness of our Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Government. The report of the Professors thus speaks of it: "The sickness of Dr. Ludlow has been to us all a subject of much anxiety, but we are glad to be assured that his symptoms give promise of recovery to health, and a prolonged usefulness." In a communication to the Board, the Doctor says, "Having enjoyed for many years uninterrupted health, it has pleased my Lord, through sickness, to suspend my labors for a little season in the Theological Hall. I have, however, every encouragement to look for the restoration of my health, and resume in due season my official labors."

The Board, upon the reception of this communication, adopted the following minute:

"That this Board sympathise with the Professor in his sickness, and lament the loss of his valuable instruction to the students in the Theological Hall; but that they cannot withhold their gratitude to *Him* who gives us richly all things to enjoy, that his sickness has been only for a little season, after many years of uninterrupted health, and that he has every encouragement to look for the restoration of his health, and the resumption of his official duties.

"May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, fulfil the expectations of his recovery, and spare him to us for long continued usefulness."

The term of the following members will expire at the next meeting of the General Synod:

Rev. John A. Lansing,	Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D.,
" F. F. Cornell,	" John A. Staats,
" A. J. Swits,	" Gabriel Ludlow, D.D.
" C. S. Mead,	

Upon the subject of the Theological Hall and its Library, the Professors in their report remark, "A beginning has been made in procuring a library to be placed in the new Hall; the number of volumes already exceeds five hundred. The principal donors are Mrs. Ann Miller, widow of the late Rev. John E. Miller; Frederick Schols, Esq., Brooklyn, L. I.; Henry Onderdonk, Jr., Jamaica, L. I.; Rev. James A. H. Cornell, Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., Rev. Francis Zabriskie, N. Y.; Rev. Elbert S. Porter, Williamsburg, L. I.; Miss Elizabeth Bennet, New Brunswick, N. J.; A. O. Zabriskie, Esq., Jersey City; Maurice E. Viele, Esq., Albany; John G. Gebhard, M. D., Hudson, N. Y. The bookcases for the library have been furnished by liberal donations, as follows:

Samuel B. Schieffelin, N. Y.	$150 00
Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Esq., Albany	100 00
Maurice E. Viele, Esq., "	50 00
Reformed Dutch Church, Holmdel, N. J.	9 00
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"The experience of the past year has satisfied the Faculty that the erection of the Peter Hertzog Hall has been a wise and salutary measure, and it is confidently believed that its effects will be to augment the number and increase the efficiency of our ministers."

The Board have instructed its Stated Clerk to address to the donors of books and money as referred to above, letters expressive of the feelings of this body for the abounding liberality towards this institution, and that he request the Librarian to have published in the Christian Intelligencer a list of those who have already made or who may hereafter make presents of books or money to the Library.

The Board have also authorized the Faculty to appoint a Librarian, fix his salary, and report to this Board.

The Rev. J. B. Alliger, on behalf of Rev. William L. Johnson, D.D., of Jamaica, L. I., presented to the Board two manuscript volumes of autograph sermons and analyses of the Rev. D. Livingston, which were accepted, and the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Rev. William L. Johnson, D.D., for his valuable donation, and that the volumes be accepted and placed in the Library of the Hertzog Theological Hall."

We cannot conclude our report without expressing our gratitude to God for having been permitted to see our Hall, with its convenient arrangements completed, with such prospects of usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. CRISPELL, *Chairman.*

A true copy.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

JERSEY CITY, *May 27th*, 1857.

The following report was received from the Commission appointed by the last General Synod, to organize the Particular Synod of Chicago, which was accepted and adopted:

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

At the meeting of the General Synod in June, 1856, the undersigned was appointed one of a Commission to aid in the organization of a new Particular Synod in the West. He takes this opportunity to report to your Reverend Body, that at the proper time he set out for Chicago to perform the duty assigned him; owing to various detentions, the meeting for organization took place on the 3d day of September, in the 3d Presbyterian Church. This Church, in which your Missionary had been preaching during the preceding winter, was kindly offered for our use on the occasion. Examination having been made of the credentials of the Brethren convened, it was found that a quorum of Ministers and Elders was present, duly appointed from

the Classes of Michigan, Wisconsin, Holland, and Illinois, and so declared by your Commissioner; whereupon these Brethren, having taken their seats, proceeded to organize the Particular Synod by choosing their proper officers, to be known as the Particular Synod of Chicago. Rev. A. D. Wilson was chosen President, and Rev. William Anderson, Stated Clerk. By request of the Synod, a synodical sermon was preached by the undersigned, on the evening of the same day.

The organization of this Synod marks an era in the Western expansion of our Church; securing as it does a union of strength and combination of effort, its results will be most happy. It was most gratifying to witness the warm interest taken by the Brethren present, and the cheerful interchange of happy anticipations for the future of the Western Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC FERRIS, *Commissioner.*

NEW YORK, *May*, 1857.

The Committee appointed to revise the plan for a Sustentation Fund, reported, and their report was accepted and referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

A communication was received from Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer of General Synod, tendering his resignation, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Wisconsin, requesting that some arrangement may be made by which they may be assisted in meeting the expenses of their annual delegation to the General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from Dr. Henry J. Brown, asking from the Synod a dispensation of an examination in the Hebrew and Greek languages, with a view to his licensure to preach the gospel, accompanied with an extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Philadelphia, recommending his application, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Holland, requesting a dispensation in favor of certain young men in the Holland Academy, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. J. Addison Van Doren, asking a dispensation in favor of Henry W. F. Jones, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester, request-

ing a dispensation from the studies of Greek and Hebrew in behalf of Alexander Watson, was received, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Church of Rochester, requesting to be received under the care of this Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Communications were received from the Classes of Paramus, Cayuga, and the South Classis of Long Island, recommending certain individuals as suitable persons to receive aid from the funds of the Church in prosecuting studies preparatory to the gospel ministry, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A letter was received from Rev. John De Witt, tendering his resignation as a member of the Board of Superintendents, whereupon it was *Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted.

A reference was received from the Classis of Bergen, in relation to the treatment of Baptized Children, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

A communication was received from the Classis of Passaic, in relation to members of the Church who remove to other places without obtaining regular certificates, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, together with the Report of John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report, that a deed of quit claim and release to the Rev. George G. Sill, for the Church and

ground at Brunswick, Illinois, has been executed and delivered to him, the balance of the purchase money having been received.

Upon the request of Samuel B. Schieffelin, Esq., who had contributed three hundred dollars to the Sustentation Fund, the Treasurer was directed to pay one hundred dollars each, in quarterly instalments, to Rev. Messrs. Murphy and Blair, they having been recommended by their respective Classes.

The only contributions ever made to this fund are three hundred dollars, as above by Mr. Schieffelin, and one hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty-four cents collected in the Collegiate Church of New York.

Since the increased obligations assumed in October, 1855, there is an annual deficiency in the regular income of the Synod to defray its existing standing expenses, of about eight hundred dollars: to meet this deficiency for the then current and previous years, the Synod at its meeting in June, 1856, recommended to the Churches to make collections on or about the first Lord's day in November; and your Board previously to that date addressed a Circular to the Churches, calling their attention to the subject. The aggregate receipts into the treasury from these collections have, nevertheless, amounted only to five hundred and fifty-two dollars and nine cents—a sum far too small to meet the deficiency of a single year; and thus a debt is growing up, which, unless speedily cancelled, and hereafter avoided, will become embarrassing and vexatious. It is so already, and the Board earnestly entreat the Synod to provide adequate relief in the premises.

The widow of the Rev. S. V. E. Westfall, upon the certificate of the Classis of Illinois, was placed on the list of annuitants on the Widows' Fund, from the 1st day of November last.

The Rev. A. B. Winfield, having been declared emeritus by the Classis of Paramus, has also been placed on the list of annuitants, to date from the first day of November last. The Rev. Edward H. May, in like manner declared emeritus, by the Classis of New York, is placed on the same list, his annuity to date from the 1st May, 1857. Measures for a more rapid increase of this important fund have a just claim on the special attention of the Synod.

Its increase during the past year has been only seventeen hundred and twenty-three dollars, of which twelve hundred and fifty dollars have been invested on Bond and Mortgage. Its sum total now invested is fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars.

The Board ask for power to sell, upon equitable terms, and convey the Moses Cowan Property, in Saratoga County, for the benefit of the Board of Education, to which it was bequeathed.

The funds of the Synod, it is believed, are safely invested, the interest accruing thereon is regularly received, and its fiscal affairs generally receive due attention.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, exhibits in detail, and with clearness, the state of the funds of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*
W. B. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*

NEW YORK, 30*th May*, 1857.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in Account with ISAAC YOUNG, *their Treasurer*, 1857.

1856.		Dr.		$	cts.
June	2	Cash paid Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		525	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.		450	00
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College. due 1st inst.		450	00
		" " Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, Clerk of the Board of Superintendents, &c., one year's salary	$10 00		
		incidental expenses of the Board	8 63	18	63
	6	" " Isaac Young, Treasurer of General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st inst.	$250 00		
		postage and discount	2 93		
		for management of the Widows' Fund, one year	150 00		
		postage and discount	53	403	46
	12	" " B. L. Kip, Treasurer of Board of Education, six months' interest on the Invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.		1,369	72
	21	" " John McC. Holmes, the successful competitor for the Van Doren Prize Essay, for the year 1856		50	00
	23	" " B. L. Kip, Treasurer of Board of Education, a dividend on 63 shares of Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at 6 per cent.	$378 00		
		also paid him the proceeds of sale of 52/100 of a share of said Stock, being part of a Stock Dividend, at 120c.	62 40	440	40
	27	" " John A. Gray, for printing the Revised Liturgy, &c.		88	16
		Carried forward		3,795	37

1856.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	3,795	37
June	30	Cash paid Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, 1 year's salary, $150 00 his traveling expenses to Utica, postage, &c..... 15 31	165	31
		" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D. D., disbursed by him for Doorkeeper's bill, &c., at Session of Synod held at Utica. 4th inst. $13 00 and for printing done for Synod, 5 00	18	00
July	5	" " for two shares of the capital stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.....	246	50
August	2	" " John A. Gray, for printing Minutes of Synod for 1856, paper, binding, &c.....	231	80
	18	" " the Bank of New York, the balance of General Synod's note to said Bank, for $2000, dated 1st Sept., 1855.. $500 00 interest thereon to this date.. 97 90	597	90
Sept'r	1	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day.....	525	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day.....	450	00
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due this day.....	450	00
	12	" " Rev. Isaac Ferris, D. D., his traveling expenses to Chicago, as Commissioner for organizing the Particular Synod of Chicago, per order of Synod, June last...	50	00
	24	" " Rev. John A. Lansing, his traveling expenses in attending a Meeting of the Committee of the Board of Superintendents, held at New Brunswick yesterday.....	8	00
October	15	" " the following persons, the first instalment on account of $100 directed, on the 11th inst., by the Board of Corporation to be paid to them out of the Sustentation Fund, in quarterly payments, in advance, viz: Rev. James Murphy. D. D.....$25 00 " Robert J. Blair..... 25 00	50	00
Nov'r	1	" " the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz: Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D., 100 00 " Israel Hammond.....100 00 " R. W. Knight.....100 00 Maria Lansing..... 75 00		
		Carried forward.....	6,587	88

1856.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	6,587	88
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter... .....100 00 Catherine E. Van Wagenen.....100 00 Harriet V. V. Mabon.....100 00 Maria Rudy..... 75 00 Jane Hunt..... 37 50 Caroline Hoff.....100 00	887	50
Nov'r	3	Cash paid Rev. John L. See, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn.....	80	00
Dec'r	2	" " Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., one qaurter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.....	525	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.....	450	00
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken. D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.....	450	00
	11	" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, six months' interest on the Invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst.....	1,395	97
1857. January	2	" " the following persons, the second instalment on account of $100, directed to be paid to them out of the Sustentation Fund, viz: Rev. James Murphy, D. D.....$25 00 " Robert J. Blair..... 25 00	50	00
	10	" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, a dividend on 67 shares of Stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, at 6 per cent.....	402	00
	15	" " premium of insurance on Rutgers College, for one year from this date.....	48	00
	17	" " Rev. Benjamin Bassler, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn.....	180	00
Febr'y	5	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5000 to said College, due 20th June last.....$300 00 one-half the salary of the Librarian of said College, for the year ending 1st April..... 50 00 and for fuel for the College for the current year..... 20 00	370	00
	6	" " John Knox, loaned him on his bond, dated this day, secured by mortgage on his house and lot in this City	1,250	00
		Carried forward.....	12,676	35

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	12,676	35
March	3	Cash paid Rev. William H. Campbell, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	525	00
		" " Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	450	00
		" " Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken, D. D., one quarter's salary as Professor in the Theological College, due 1st inst.	450	00
April	2	" " Rev. Robert J. Blair, the third instalment on account of $100 directed to be paid to him out of the Sustentation Fund.	25	00
	6	" " Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn	200	00
	22	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, one year's salary, due 16th inst.	100	00
May	1	" " the following persons, their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz:		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D., $70 00		
		" Israel Hammond 70 00		
		" R. W. Knight 70 00		
		Maria Lansing 52 50		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter 70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen 70 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon 70 00		
		Maria Rudy 52 50		
		Jane Hunt 26 25		
		Caroline Hoff 70 00		
		Esther Winfield 70 00		
		Eleanor Westfall 26 25		
1856.			717	50
June		" " the following persons, their traveling expenses incurred in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New Brunswick, 20th inst., viz:		
		Rev. P. D. Van Cleef $1 25		
		" Jacob C. Sears, D.D., (twice) 2 00		
		" A. C. Millspaugh 3 50		
1857.			6	75
May	21	" " the following persons, their traveling expenses, as above, for the session of 1857, viz:		
		Rev. A. C. Millspaugh $2 50		
		" A. J. Swits 10 25		
		" John A. Lansing 8 80		
		" Philip Phelps, Jr. 5 80		
		" M. N. McLaren, D. D. 4 87		
		" C. S. Mead 13 50		
		" S. T. Searle 10 00		
		" N. F. Chapman 9 50		
		Carried forward	15,150	60

1857.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward		15,150	60
		Rev. J. N. Talmage	7 80		
		" A. Elmendorf, (twice, &c.)	7 50		
		" J. R. Van Arsdale	17 00		
		" N. J. Marselus, D. D.	1 50		
		" Charles S. Stitt	4 50		
		" George H. Fisher, D. D.	15 00		
				118	52
June	1	Balance in Bank		5,531	29
				20,800	41

1856.		Cr.	$	cts.
June	1	By balance from last account	4,616	39
	12	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st inst.	700	00
	19	" " a dividend on 63 shares of stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., at 6 ⅌ ct. ..... $378 00 Also received 52-100ths of a share of said stock, being a stock dividend 62 40	440	40
July	3	" " of B. L. Kip, Treasurer of Board of Education, this amount to purchase two shares of above named stock	246	50
	30	" " three dividends on 23 shares of Bergen Turnpike stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College.....	25	30
August	7	" " eleven months' interest on $5,750, balance of bond due 1st inst.....	368	96
		" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1,000 each, due 1st June	70	00
	16	" " on account of $5,750, balance due on Bond of R. Merkle.....	1,000	00
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st Sept.....	175	00
Sept'r	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500. due 1st inst.....	122	50
	11	" " one month's interest on $5,750, balance of bond, due 1st inst.....	27	71
Oct'r	13	" " from a member of the Collegiate Dutch Church, for the Sustentation Fund.....	50	00
	15	" " six months' interest on $3,500, balance of bond, due 16th inst.....	122	50
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,750	61	25
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due this day.....	70	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due this day.....	140	00
	17	" " of Rev. George G. Sill, the balance of the purchase money of the Church edifice, &c., at Brunswick, Illinois, sold to him by the Board of Corporation.....$105 25 deduct paid by him for insurance, &c..... 11 00	94	25
	22	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,500, due 13th inst.	52	50
	23	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000, due this day	385	00
	27	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 22d inst.....	140	00
		Carried forward.....	8,908	26

1856.		Cr.
		Brought forward .....
Nov'r	1	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due this day.....
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th October.....
	4	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.....
		" " six months' interest on bond for $7,000, due 1st inst.....
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 10th October.....
	6	" " six months' interest on $5,000, balance of bond, due 1st inst.....
	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.....
	18	" " of Rev. John H. Pettengill, this amount, necessary to constitute him a member for life of the Widows' Fund.....
	29	" " six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due 1st December.....
Dec'r	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th October.....
	12	" " six months' interest, two bonds for $1,000 each, due 1st inst.....
	20	" " six months' interest on four bonds, amounting to $26,000.....
	27	" " six months' interest on $6,000, balance of bond, due 21st November.
1857. January	10	" " a dividend on 67 shares of stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., at 6 ⅌ ct. .....
	17	" " of Rev. Benjamin Bassler, this amount necessary to constitute him a member for life of the Widows' Fund..
Febr'y	14	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,750, due 26th January.....
	20	" " one year's interest on three bonds, amounting to $8,900.....
March	2	" " six months' interest on $4,750, balance of bond, due 1st inst.....
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.....
	5	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st inst.....
April	4	" " collected in the Collegiate Dutch Church, N. Y., for the Sustentation Fund .....
	6	" " of Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, this amount necessary to constitute him a member for life of the Widows' Fund .....
	10	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due this day .....
		Carried forward.....

1857.		Cr.	$.	cts.
		Brought forward	15,129	70
April	13	By cash received, six months' interest on bond for $7,000, due 1st May next	245	00
	16	" " six months' interest on $3,500, balance of bond, due this day	122	50
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th inst.	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 15th inst.	70	00
	23	" " six months' interest on three bonds, amounting to $11,000, due this day	385	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $1,500, due 13th inst.	52	50
	24	" " interest in full on two bonds, amounting to $5,250, due 22d inst.	158	47
May	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th April	98	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due this day	210	00
	7	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst.	210	00
	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst.	150	00
	14	" " six months' interest on two bonds, amounting to $17,000	510	00
	18	" " six months' interest on $5,000, balance of bond, due 1st inst.	175	00
	27	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st inst.	210	00
1856.		" " collected in the following Churches for the Church Building Fund, viz.: Livingston, New York ....$ 5 50; 1st R. D. Church, Brooklyn 10 00; 1st " " N. Brunsw'k 28 70	44	20
June	4	" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, viz.: David W. Wetmore.....$ 30 00; Collegiate Dutch Church . 600 00; Estate Cornelius Duryee.. 15 00; " David L. Haight .. 30 00; Thomas C. Doremus ..... 30 00; Samuel Smith..... 15 00	720	00
		" " collected in the following Churches for the Widows' Fund, viz.: R. D. Ch., Market St., N. Y. $71 25; North West R. D. Ch., 23d St., N. Y., ... 2 38; 1st R. D. Ch., Van Voorst, Jersey City 15 96		
		Carried forward	18,630	37

1856.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward		18,630	37
		R. D. Ch., New Utrecht	5 00		
		" " 5th Ave & 21st Street, N. Y.	20 00		
		Middle R. D. Ch., Albany	6 50		
		R. D. Ch., Collegiate, N. Y.	139 93		
				261	02
June	4	By cash received of the following Classes for Minutes of General Synod, viz.:			
		New York	$37 80		
		Schoharie	7 80		
		Philadelphia	21 25		
		New York, Extra Session	10 80		
		Geneva	10 00		
		South New York	15 00		
		South Long Island	10 50		
		Paramus	28 80		
		Passaic	16 86		
		Bergen	40 00		
		New York	33 00		
		Westchester	61 00		
		Minutes sold	1 12		
				293	93
		" " collected in the following Classes and Churches, for the contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:			
		Classis of Philadelphia	$18 00		
		Ch. at Lodi, N. Y.	4 71		
		" Fonda, "	8 00		
		2d " Coxsackie, N.Y.	15 00		
		2d " Newark, N. J.	13 00		
		" Samsonville, N. Y.	2 00		
		" Flatbush, L. I.	28 87		
		" West Day, N. Y.	1 00		
		" Flatbush, Ulster Co.	13 00		
		" Grand Rapids, Mich.	10 00		
		" Battle Creek	4 30		
		" Blawenburgh, N. J.	14 00		
		Livingston Ch., N. Y. City	7 25		
		Ch. at Warwasing	5 28		
		Ger. Evan. Mis., N. Y.	17 53		
		3d Ch. at Albany, N. Y.	26 44		
		" Plattekill, N. Y.	5 00		
		" Hagamen's Mills, N.Y.	5 00		
		" Pompton Plains, N. J.	13 18		
		" Jef. & Pittsford, Mich.	2 00		
		" Shokan, N. Y.	7 00		
		" Shaudakin, N. Y.	3 00		
		2d " Hackensack, N. J.	13 00		
		2d " Kingston, N. Y.	4 50		
		" Guilford, N. Y.	7 50		
		" Hackensack, N. J.	21 21		
		" Hyde Park, N. Y.	7 00		
		Carried forward		19,185	32

1856.	Cr.		$	cts.
June	Brought forward		19,185	32
	Col. Ch. at New York	87 68		
	" Marbletown, N. Y.	11 79		
	" Bloomingdale, N.Y.	2 15		
	" Currytown, N. Y.	10 69		
	" N. Hackensack, N. J.	8 00		
	" Minisink, N. J.	5 00		
	1st " Coxsackie, N. Y.	8 00		
	Ger. " Albany, N. Y.	2 06		
	" Lodi, N. Y.	4 51		
	" c. Bleecker & Amos Sts	24 00		
	" Berea, N. Y.	10 00		
	" Colt's Neck, N. J.	4 22		
	" Syracuse, N. Y.	16 33		
	" Green Point, N. Y.	10 00		
	" Fairview, Ill.	39 00		
	North " Gowanus, N. Y.	10 50		
	" Rosendale, N. Y.	3 73		
	" Six Mile Run, N. J.	17 66		
			552	09
	By cash received of the following clergymen, their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz:			
	Rev. Jacob West	$20 00		
	" Edward H. May	20 00		
	" Andrew B. Taylor	20 00		
	" Eben S. Hammond	20 00		
	" Isaac S. Demund	20 00		
	" Elbert S. Porter	20 00		
	" Theodore L. Cuyler	20 00		
	" J. B. Hardenburgh, D.D.	20 00		
	" William Lyall	20 00		
	" David D. Demarest	20 00		
	" Paul D. Van Cleef	20 00		
	" William S. Heyer	20 00		
	" Joseph Wilson	20 00		
	" Isaac Ferris, D.D.	20 00		
	" Samuel Harlow (& int.)	41 60		
	" John A. De Baun	20 00		
	" Charles Whitehead	20 00		
	" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.	20 00		
	" John L. McNair	20 00		
	" Peter J. Quick	20 00		
	" Philip Peltz	20 00		
	" Charles Jukes	20 00		
	" Ralph Willis	20 00		
	" John A. Lansing	20 00		
	" Cornelius Blauvelt	20 00		
	" Charles Doeppenschmidt	20 00		
	" Charles S. Hageman	20 00		
	" James R. Talmage	20 00		
	" Enoch Van Aken	20 00		
	" Richard H. Steele	20 00		
	Carried forward		19,737	41

1856.		Cr.			$	cts.
June		Brought forward			19,737	41
		Rev. Herman B. Stryker	20	00		
		" Peter Stryker	20	00		
		" Thomas B. Gregory	20	00		
		" Isaac M. See	20	00		
		" Cornelius L. Van Dyck	20	00		
		" John Gray	20	00		
		" John DuBois	20	00		
		" Garrit L. Roof	20	00		
		" David B. Hall	20	00		
		" Ira C. Boice	20	00		
		" Cyril Spaulding	20	00		
		" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.	20	00		
		" Oscar H. Gregory	20	00		
		" Goyn Talmage	20	00		
		" John De Witt	20	00		
		" Benjamin C Lippincott	20	00		
		" Nicholas D. Williamson (and interest)	41	40		
		" John Mason Ferris	20	00		
		" John C. Gulden	20	00		
		" Jacob West	20	00		
		" Theodore L. Cuyler	20	00		
					1,063	00
					20,800	41
1857. May	30	By balance carried to new account			5,531	29

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due General Synod of five thousand five hundred and thirty-one dollars and twenty-nine cents.

ABR'M VAN NEST,
W. B. CROSBY, } *Committee.*

New York, 30th *May*, 1857.

Annual Digest, 1857.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, &c., of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey., &c., amounted, on the 1st April, 1857, to	$20,313 57
Balance in his hands, 1st April, 1857,	1,229 77
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1857,	402 00
There has been paid to indigent students, out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year,	2,530 00

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bond secured by mortgage on property in the State of New Jersey, is	$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund, 1st May, 1857,	120 00
Balance in the hands of John C. Elmendorf, Treas., &c., 1 April, 1857.	312 11

Education Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on bonds secured by mortgages, for educational purposes,	$39,835 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1857,	9 30
Balance of interest in his hands on that day,	602 44

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction, on bonds secured by mortgages, to this Fund,	$15,900 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer, 31st May,	1,329 21
There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of the Fund, during the year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto,	1,605 00

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, namely:		
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (excepting three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, New York, which are not accompanied by mortgages,).		$86,215 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod,	$13,250 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected	6,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions, supposed to be good		7,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested for this Board, on bond secured by mortgage,	250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod, during the past year,	$293 93
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, paper, &c.,	231 80
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod,	$5,531 29

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
W. B. CROSBY,
JOHN KNOX,
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*
ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, *May* 31, 1857.

So much of the above report of the Board of Direction and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. Abraham Van Nest, *President;* Rev. John Knox, D.D., and Messrs. William B. Crosby and Theodore Frelinghuysen, *Directors;* and Mr. George S. Stitt, *Treasurer.*

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation be authorized to invest the money of the Church Building Fund in their hands, in a bond of the members of the Reformed Dutch Church at Alto, Wisconsin, secured by a mortgage on real estate owned by them, at seven per cent. per annum, provided that they deem the security adequate and valid.

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following documents were received from the Rev. Dr. How, Chairman of the Committee to conduct the correspondence with Foreign Churches:

1. Copies of letters of the Committee of General Synod to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, to the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa, and to the Synod of the Waldensian Churches.

2. A reply, acknowledging the receipt of the letter to the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, by Rev. John Bonar.

3. Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, May, 1856.

4. A communication in French, from Rev. J. P. Revel, Moderator of the Synod of the "Eglise Vaudoise," with a translation of the same.

5. A letter, dated Edinburgh, June 5, 1855, from Rev. John Bonar, to the Stated Clerk of the General Synod, in relation to correspondence with the Free Church.

6. Another letter in French, from Rev. Mr. Revel, Moderator of the Vaudoise Churches, to the Rev. Dr. De Witt, with a translation of the same.

The above documents were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence having had the matters placed in their hands under advisement, would respectfully report, that the committee appointed by the General Synod of 1855, (of which the Rev. Dr. How was chairman,) to open a friendly correspondence with the Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa, have discharged their duty. A copy of their letter has been placed in the hands of your committee; but since no reply to it has been received, any further action on the subject, at present, is deemed unnecessary.

The same committee was also, at the same time, directed to address to the "Ancient Church of the Waldenses a letter assuring them of the cordial affection with which this Synod regards them, and conveying to them such information concerning our own Churches as they may judge it expedient to communicate." An interesting reply from

the Rev. J. P. Revel, Moderator of their Synod, has been received, giving an account of the present condition and operations of that body, and expressing their grateful acknowledgment for your Christian sympathy and liberality. Your committee would recommend that a copy of the Minutes of this Synod be sent to their Rev. Moderator, and that the same committee be continued, for the purpose of still further prosecuting this friendly correspondence.

A letter having been received from the Rev. John Bonar, "Convener of the Continental and Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland," the General Synod at its meeting, held in the City of New York, in October, 1855, appointed the same committee to reply to said communication, and conduct the correspondence. This has been done, and a reply has been received from the Rev. Mr. Bonar, expressing their "very great pleasure in receiving a communication from the esteemed brethren of the Reformed Dutch Church, so full of sound views, fraternal feelings, and encouraging information." A copy also of the "Proceedings of the Free Church of Scotland," held at Edinburgh in May, 1856, accompanying the foregoing letter, has been received, which is an interesting document, and contains many valuable suggestions, especially on the question of education; presenting numerous important points, throwing light on the advantages and disadvantages of denominational schools; and also a report on the Eldership, a subject demanding the attention of our Consistories. Your committee would recommend that the same committee, (of which the Rev. Dr. How is chairman,) be continued for the purpose of prosecuting this correspondence; that a copy of the Minutes of this Synod be sent to the Rev. "Convener, &c.," and that said committee also be directed to publish in the Christian Intelligencer such parts of the "Proceedings of the Free Church of Scotland" as shall be considered useful and interesting to our Churches.

Another communication from the Rev. Mr. Bonar has been received, dated June 5th, 1855, in which he states that the Scotch Free Church "was led a few years ago to establish, in connection with her Mission to the Jews in Amsterdam, a Collegiate Institution for training young men for the Evangelistic work on the Continent." This Institution stands in friendly relation to the Dutch National Church. It has already trained several young men of promise, and it is a serious question with them how their services may best be made available to the cause of Christ. For more particular information on this subject, he refers to certain printed documents, which were to have been forwarded by the next mail, but which have not yet come to hand, and therefore your committee are not prepared to recommend any specific action on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. F. HOES, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the Rev. Dr. Abeel, the Corresponding Delegate from this Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which was accepted:

NEWARK, N. J., *June* 6, 1857.

To the President of the General Synod:

I have the honor to report to the reverend body over which you preside, that I have fulfilled my appointment as delegate to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

My reception was highly respectful to the body I represented, and cordial to your representative personally.

Assurances of fraternal affection, esteem, and sympathy from us to them, were reciprocated publicly by their Moderator, and privately by many of the members of that body.

I left them deeply impressed with the value of a continued and hearty correspondence between these two branches of the Church, ours and theirs.

In this day of anarchy and division in State and Church, these two bodies are presenting a rebuke and a model, by illustrating the wisdom and mercy of the injunction, to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

GUSTAVUS ABEEL.

The Rev. John Woodbridge, of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., *Primarius;* and Rev. George H. Fisher, D. D., *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity to the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the Session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee for that

purpose, consisting of Rev. John L. McNair, Charles Parker, and *Elder* Peter S. Danforth.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be referred to the Committee appointed on devotional exercises of the Synod. The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed accordingly.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion do not find it easy to combine the reports of the Particular Synods into a distinct picture of the spiritual condition of our Churches; and the difficulty arises chiefly from the general terms in which the reports of the Synods are almost necessarily drawn. For this reason, they think, a great advantage attaches to the course which the Synod of New York has this year adopted, of transmitting to this body, not only a statement of the general conclusions which the Classical reports have suggested, but the Classical reports themselves. If the same principle could be carried a step farther, and the Classical reports be made to incorporate just so much of the language of each Consistorial report as should be necessary to indicate its spirit, and if the whole should then find its way to this body in the reports of the Particular Synods, you would have before you a map of the Spiritual condition of the whole Church, that should be most interesting and suggestive. Such a course would not much extend the customary limits of the Classical reports, since the extracts referred to might, in most instances, be very brief; and thus they would only displace those commonplaces which the most careful writers of Classical reports find it hardly possible to escape. And even if the reports of the Classes and Synods should by this means be extended to twice or thrice their present proportions, their increased interest and value to the General Synod, and their permanent value as compact annuals of all our congregations, would more than compensate the expense of labor and space. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Classes and Particular Synods be requested to make their reports upon the State of Religion include, as far as possible, a synopsis of the statements of the individual Consistories.

The experience of this Committee also induces them to propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be requested to add up the statistical tables of their Classes, before they transmit them to the Particular Synod.

Resolved, That the Particular Synods be enjoined to furnish to the respective Classes blank forms for their statistical reports, and the Classes to furnish similar forms to the Consistories for their reports.

The number of members added to the Churches during the past year upon Confession of their Faith is, according to the statistical tables, 2,570. The aggregate of last year was 2,551; the increase of this year exceeding that of the last only by 19. A view of the tables shows, that of this gross number of 2,570, 1,507 have been received to the Communion of 59 Churches, making an average of more than 25 new members to each Church, and leaving the smaller half of the total—namely, 1,063—to be distributed among the remaining 330 Churches, the average increase of which has been but little more than 3 members each. While we assume no right either to praise those pastors who have been most successful, or to condemn those who have seemed to accomplish least, is it not safe to say, that the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ is intended by her Divine Master to accomplish results more extensive and uniform than these?

Is it not plain that, since there can be upon God's part no lack of power or willingness to bless our labors, we must be wanting in the faithfulness that claims the blessing? Surely our 400 Churches, with their yearly increase of less than 3,000 members, must, in some particular, differ widely from that early Church which gathered in a greater increase in a single city, and in a single day. Our many deserted prayer meetings—our many households barren of religious instruction and family prayer, and filled with the evidences of the "love of the world," may explain our deficiency. It becomes those who are charged with the instruction of our Churches, to be distinct and faithful in their warnings against this prevailing worldliness; and for the sake of calling the attention of our Churches to a truth so well known, but so little regarded, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod, while it returns thanks to God for every evidence of his blessing upon our Churches, acknowledges with contrition how the blessing is impeded by our general unfaithfulness, and warns the Ministers and Churches under its care of the pressing need of a more devoted and self-denying piety.

There are, however, two encouraging signs, which the Committee find in nearly all the Classical and Synodical reports that have been submitted to them. One is the increased attention that seems to be given to the religious training of the young, both in Catechetical and Sabbath school instruction. If the more powerful influence of family piety should be added to these, we might fairly hope to see an early and large increase of the Church from the number of her children. Without discussing at all a point so plain and important, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Ministers of all our Churches be requested to preach to their congregations, on the 4th Lord's day of February, upon the importance and means of the religious training of the young, especially within the family; and that the same Sabbath be observed as a day of special prayer for the conversion of the children of the Church.

Another sign of good is the increase in the benevolent gifts of the churches. Allusions to this increase are made in nearly all the reports which have come before us, and they are warranted in the statistics with which the reports are accompanied. The total of the contributions reported last year was $75,898 89; the total of this year's contributions reaches to $110,010 44, showing an increase of $34,111 35. This increase is the more surprising, since this year a separate column has been prepared for ordinary religious expenses, some of which expenses, it is fair to believe, have been previously included in the statement of benevolent contributions. The advance surely is great—so great that, though your committee have taken great pains to guard against mistake, they can hardly believe that the figures have not misled them. The footings are still more mysterious, from the fact that the income of our several Boards has by no means indicated such an increase of liberality. But it is still possible that the charity has flowed in the other channels that are open all around us. We venture, therefore, to accept the figures as we find them, and to thank God and take courage. The church that scatters is sure to increase. Your committee, however, and this Synod, cannot doubt that we have yet room for great advances in the duty of systematic beneficence. Since the Synod of last year formally commended this duty to the churches, your committee think it enough to call attention to that subject by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Consistory be requested to incorporate in its next yearly report a statement of its system of benevolent contributions, and that these statements be included by the Classes in their reports to the Particular Synods.

The following notices are included in the Synodical Reports:

The Classis of Illinois reports "the death of their beloved and highly esteemed brother, S. V. E. Westfall."

Rev. A. B. Winfield, of the Classis of Paramus, Rev. James Murphy, of the Classis of Montgomery, and Rev. A. Hoffman, of the Classis of Geneva, have been removed by death.

The Classis of New York notices the death of Rev. Dr. Van Arsdale.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. GANSE, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last report.	Communicants. Reed On Confession	Communicants. Reed On Certificate	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Contributions. Congregational purposes.	Post Office Address.
																		$ c.	$ c.	
New York	John Knox T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	420	2600	1252	28	22	27	..	21	1254	46	2	400	63	6	1228	517	20572 03	.....	326 Fourth St., N. Y. 116 Ninth St., " East 37th St., " 60 West 36th St., "
Broome Street	P. Stryker	160	700	....	13	32	21	..	4	185	16	2	158	30	1	213	160	2273 16	4500 00	34 Dominick St., "
Central, Ninth Street	A. B. Van Zandt	70	....	35	2	31	1	..	1	66	15	..	15	....	1	90	70	208 78	6510 63	69 St. Marks Place, "
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, (S. C.,) and U. Marvin	300	1500	604	11	6	9	..	10	602	18	..	150	50	1	381	275	1036 58	4486 00	46 Hammond St., " 732 Greenwich " "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	....	129	3	3	4	..	3	128	2	1	....	....	1	129	78	200 53	....	161 West 13th St., "
Twenty-first Street	A. R. Van Nest, Jr.	116	600	209	9	5	14	..	..	209	14	6	70	70	1	212	125	663 54	2902 38	115 West 23d St., "
North West, 23d St.	H. D. Ganse	105	525	....	10	20	....	..	..	125	6	5	50	50	1	80	55	373 76	4463 00	
Ger. Evan. Miss. Church	J. C. Guldin	....	800	529	80	9	3	..	6	609	41	..	75	....	2	280	261	478 50	.....	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	F. N. Zabriskie	60	275	33	9	12	4	..	..	50	6	..	82	45	1	92	59	109 54	.....	
Mt. Pleasant, Fiftieth St.	C. M. Jameson	50	200	61	10	4	....	..	..	75	4	1	110	....	1	130	110	113 00	.... ..	99 East 40th St., "
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	100	500	70	3	3	5	..	3	68	7	1	50	....	1	100	60	.....	.....	
Harlem	J. S. Lord	150	725	214	15	5	6	..	2	226	6	6	....	....	1	150	....	600 00	.....	
Washington Heights	C. Whitehead	37	175	31	1	3	5	..	5	30	..	..	24	24	1	60	....	19 00	250 00	
Harlem Ger. Ref. Church	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Mott Haven	Vacant	30	150	....	..	1	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	60	50	.....	850 00	
3d Ger. R. P. D. Ch., N. Y.	H. A. Friedel	40	150	43	14	..	3	..	..	54	20	..	13	....	1	100	60	.....	15 00	437 Greenwich St., "
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	221	12	4	8	..	2	232	5	9	....	....	1	240	180	465 00	.....	Port Richmond, S. I.
Richmond, (S. I.)	T. R. G. Peck	55	160	49	5	4	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	150	....	123 00	.....	
Huguenots, (S. I.)	T. B. Gregory	20	105	20	8	..	2	..	..	26	2	..	16	23	1	98	60	.....	.....	Rossville, S. I.
Tottenville, (S. I.)	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Drs. Hardenburgh, Van Pelt and Vermeule, and Rev. A. N. Kittle, H. V. Voorhees, J. Mulligan, E. H. May, H. Bielfeld, W. H. Van Doren, B. Van Zandt, and W. C. Brownlee, D.D., (*Emeritus.*)

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Stapleton	A. R. Thompson	....	....	192	29	10	25*	..	2	204		..	..	....	....	2	400	300	.....	.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Tompkinsville	P. M. Brett	75	350	134	13	5	10	1	5	137		13	..	125	40	1	200	160	$570 00	$1500 00	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch	John M. Macauley	150	800	248	3	8	4	..	3	252		9	..	....	....	1	....	100	1200 00	11100 00	New York City.
Market Street	T. L. Cuyler	200	1200	445	43	23	22	..	3	482		10	16	275	....	2	450	....	3500 00	4000 00	New York City.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	182	1000	350	8	6	18	..	1	345		9	1	154	35	2	225	154	5130 78	8720 89	New York City.
Manhattan	Ebenezer Wiggins	77	....	232	7	1	10	..	1	209		3	..	110	80	1	120	87	76 33	1127 20	New York City.
Bushwick	S. A. Meeker, (S. C.)	73	350	148	13	6	3	..	5	159		32	1	30	....	1	160	100	190 00	1200 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Courtlandtown	J. B. Steele	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Crugers, Westchest'r Co.
Peekskill	C. D. Buck	36	....	43	3	..	....	..	1	45		6	2	....	....	1	60	40	85 54	950 00	Peekskill.
Sixth Avenue Ref. Prot Dutch	Joseph McKee	50	....	61	..	30	2	..	1	88		..	..	100	20	1	140	90	125 80	3111 00	New York City.
German Ref. Prot. Dutch	A. Berky	63	....	139	20	..	....	..	..	159		75	..	25	30	1	106	85	64 85	935 96	New York City.
German Reformed	J. S. Ebaugh	50	....	....	24	..	....	..	4	109		27	..	20	30	2	120	75	.....	.....	New York City.

* Of whom 21 were dismissed to form a new Church.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Mathews; Dr. Westbrook; Rev. R. Kirkwood; Rev. Charles Knouse; Rev. John Alburtis; Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of the University of New York City, and Rev. R. A. Quin, Chaplain of Sailors' Snug Harbor.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Reed On Confession	Reed On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Ded.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.		
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	180	1000	410	24	7	5	..	1	431	13	4	50	....	5	265	....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
First New Brunswick	Samuel B. Howe	250	1200	429	8	9	9	3	5	429	..	..	60	....	3	220	....	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	160	940	245	8	1	5	..	1	248	8	1	70	35	7	318	260	$731 33	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	180	900	328	11	11	17	..	2	331	17	3	....	....	6	200	....	1100 00	Mill Stone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	140	650	214	8	2	3	..	4	217	7	2	80	60	4	200	....	414 00	Pluckamin, "
White House	Vacant	....	....	91	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	White House, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburg	165	850	198	17	6	7	..	..	....	24	..	....	....	5	....	....	220 00	Lebanon, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	105	452	84	6	6	2	..	6	88	5	..	79	45	1	70	55	.....	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	John F Mesick	150	700	281	15	18	19	..	6	289	16	..	100	....	4	200	175	725 50	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. Addison Van Doren	95	450	165	22	17	17	..	4	183	12	2	5[illegible]	30	1	200	175	594 90	Middlebush, "
Griggs Town	Edward P. Livingston	85	440	132	2	4	1	..	2	135	5	..	50	70	2	112	85	382 06	Griggs Town, "
Second New Brunswick	S. M. Woodbridge, (S. C.)	110	...	170	6	5	6	..	2	173	14	1	....	25	1	96	90	816 41	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	Vacant	70	305	102	..	3	9	..	2	94	6	..	60	20	1	40	....	147 08	Bound Brook, "
Pea Pack	Vacant	....	....	114	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	Pea Pack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	92	460	109	8	2	1	..	3	115	11	1	20	....	1	74	....	180 00	Raritan, "
Third Raritan	Vacant	110	550	136	29	1	9	..	1	156	13	2	....	....	1	160	105	235 56	Raritan, "
Easton	Cornelius H Edgar	48	....	83	5	1	13	..	1	75	3	..	....	12	1	70	....	216 31	Easton, "
Third New Brunswick	Franz M. Schneeweiss	35	160	62	13	2	7	1	..	69	16	..	8	8	1	36	30	86 00	New Brunswick, "
East Mill Stone	Giles Van De Wall	27	....	18	..	15	....	..	..	32	6	..	8	11	1	46	35	178 68	Mill Stone, "
Warren	John H Oerter	27	113	19	30	..	2	..	..	50	10	..	13	21	1	36	26	.....	Warrenville, Somerset Co., N. J.

Ministers without Charge.—Alexander McClelland, D. D.; John Proudfit, D. D.; I. W. Serenbets; John Vanderveer, D. D.; William I. Thompson; C. R. Von Romondt; William H. Steele; H. B. Stryker; Robert J. Blair; James A. H. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Census		Communicants							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. Schools			Contributions		POST OFFICE ADDRESS
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Memb's in Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Bergen	Benj. C. Taylor	280	1400	333	12	14	39	..	4	316	33	..	140	20	1	216	140	$1574	$1865	Hudson, Hud. Co., N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andw. B. Taylor	88	375	81	...	1	...	..	..	82	2	..	40	50	3	125	100	151	.....	English Neighborhood, "
Hackensack	Alex. H. Warner, S. C.	100	500	122	3	..	4	..	6	115	9	..	25	20	1	70	55	306	.....	Hackensack, Berg. Co., "
Schraalenbergh	Corn's. Blauvelt	160	700	151	2	4	5	..	4	148	14	..	120	40	5	200	150	225	.....	Schraalenbergh, "
Belleville	Thos. DeW. Talmage	167	725	185	17	4	1	..	1	206	4	3	140	100	2	180	130	302	.....	Belleville, Essex Co., "
1st Ch. Jersey City	David H. Riddle	60	300	72	3	4	7	..	..	72	...	..	.....	51	1	80	65	432	13775	Jersey City, Hud. Co., "
Bergen Neck	Aaron L. Stillwell	75	337	66	2	..	1	..	2	65	11	1	25	12	2	98	65	105	800	Salterville, " "
1st Ch. Newark	James Scott	315	1550	526	12	12	43	..	2	505	17	1	250	100	1	250	150	1220	14800	Newark, Essex Co., "
Irvington	Vacant	42	210	42	...	..	...	..	..	42	...	..	.....	....	1	45	34	.....	.....	Irvington, " "
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	118	587	84	13	..	6	..	2	89	19	1	75	25	1	150	90	300	1430	New Durham, " "
1st Ch. Van Vorst	P. D. Van Cleef	145	675	180	6	19	11	..	2	192	9	2	53	30	1	247	132	1587	.....	Jersey City, Hud. Co., "
2d Ch. Newark	Gustavus Abeel	105	525	162	8	8	12	..	..	166	10	2	60	60	1	160	120	353	1850	Newark, Essex Co., "
3d Ch. Newark	F. A. Lehlback	103	520	273	110	8	115	..	6	270	344	..	35	35	1	115	90	10	.....	Newark, " "
Hoboken	Charles Parker	50	200	56	5	8	6	..	..	63	6	1	30	12	1	92	60	100	.....	Hoboken, Hudson Co., "
3d Ch. Jersey City	Calvin Selden	42	210	43	5	7	14	1	4	36	7	1	100	13	1	140	100	.....	.....	Jersey City, " "
Ger. Ev., N. Bergen	Vacant	65	320	62	22	2	...	..	1	85	55	..	4	38	1	150	110	14	.....	New Durham, " "
Hudson	F L King, Miss'y	40	200	39	2	5	6	..	..	40	6	..	35	5	1	45	35	.....	.....	Hudson, " "
Bergen Point	Jacob C. Dutcher	54	280	43	...	3	...	..	3	43	9	..	40	20	1	60	50	149	.....	Bergen Point " "
Franklin	P. S. Talmage, S. S.	54	300	39	2	..	...	..	1	40	3	..	168	25	1	168	133	233	.....	Franklin, Essex Co., "
Ger. Ch. Hoboken	L. Mohn	30	70	....	26	..	...	..	..	26	10	..	8	14	1	45	35	.....	100	Hoboken, Hudson Co., "
2d Ch. Hackensack	Jas. Demarest, Jr.	40	200	14	10	6	...	..	1	29	5	..	60	42	1	63	50	196	.....	Hackensack, Berg. Co., "
North, Newark	A. Polhemus	40	200	....	...	..	...	..	..	38	...	..	.....	40	1	90	70	.....	293	Newark, Essex Co. "
Ger. Ev., Jersey City	C. Dœppenschmidt, Miss'y.	60	150	....	32	2	...	..	..	34	36	..	8	7	1	45	35	.....	.....	Jersey City "

Ministers without Charge.—John Garretson, Cor. Sec. Board Dom. Missions,—John L. Chapman, Teacher,—M. Lusk,—Alex'r W. McClure, Cor. Sec. Am. and For. Christian Union,—James M. Bruen,—James Romeyn, (*Emeritus*),—*Candidate*, E. T. Corwin.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes	
Clarkstown	P. J. Quick	110	417	136	8	5	1	1	1	147	11	1	20	29	1	50	45	$262 22	.....	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	I. D. Cole	120	50	136	..	..	..	..	2	134	12	..	12	12	1	35	....	100 00	.....	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknonk	J. P. Strong	210	1150	203	9	4	..	..	..	216	46	1	100	....	1	50	....	300 00	.....	Passaic, N. J.
First Church, Totawa†	P. Peltz	170	700	168	..	..	..	..	..	188	....	..	....	....	1	160	....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Second Church, Totawa	J. H. Duryea, (S. C.)	150	700	229	6	8	6	..	5	232	18	..	80	20	2	220	175	.....	$1250 00	Paterson, N. J.
Paramus†	.....	160	800	161	2	2	..	..	4	161	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Hohokus, N. J.
Pascack	J. T. Demarest	70	....	68	11	2	1	..	1	81	7	1	....	....	1	....	....	12 00	.....	Pascack, N. J.
Saddle River	J. Manley	77	275	88	5	1	2	..	1	92	5	..	20	....	1	....	....	19 00	.....	Munsey, N. Y.
West N. Hempstead	P. Allen	70	315	70	12	7	..	..	4	85	1	3	....	....	1	....	....	87 90	.....	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Ramapo†	Vacant	72	350	68	..	..	..	..	..	68	....	..	....	....	1	60	....	.....	.....	Sufferns, N. Y.
Warwick	F. H. Vanderveer	75	..	87	4	2	2	..	3	88	9	..	....	....	..	40	....	85 00	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack	Daniel Lord	115	450	....	32	9	..	..	..	163	19	2	70	15	1	120	115	.....	.....	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont	—— Jewett*	80	400	80	3	1	3	..	1	80	..	..	35	40	1	85	60	40 00	.....	Piermont, N. Y.
Holland Church, Paterson	.....	80	400	....	..	..	..	..	..	85	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	1549	7547	1513	92	42	13	1	22	1843	128	8	337	116	12	720	395	$906 12	$1250 00	

* Pastor elect. † Report of last year.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. W. R. Bogardus, Passaic, N. J.; Rev. W. T. Van Doren. *Candidate.*—W. G. Haeselbarth, Nyack, N. Y.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Received. On Confession	Received. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Brooklyn	A. P. Van Gieson	107	535	133	12	18	..	..	2	161	6	3	47	30	1	70	50	$1,297 20	$6,717 45	Brooklyn.
Flatbush	T. M. Strong	90	500	122	6	4	3	..	..	129	8	..	25	....	2	136	106	1,676 66	1,400 00	Flatbush.
New Utrecht	R. O. Currie	80	450	130	11	1	4	..	3	135	5	..	60	15	1	100	80	.....	.....	New Utrecht.
Gravesend	A. I. Labagh	65	350	101	3	2	1	..	3	102	6	..	30	....	2	....	....	650 00	.....	Gravesend.
Flatlands	J. M. T. Davie	79	336	96	....	....	..	..	2	94	11	..	67	....	2	100	85	.....	.....	Flatlands.
New Lots	J. M. Van Beuren	60	300	97	2	....	..	..	1	98	12	..	40	30	1	60	40	193 58	.....	East New York.
East New York	Anson F. Munn	60	340	90	....	3	2	..	3	88	5	..	30	30	1	130	70	318 00	.....	East New York.
South Brooklyn	J. H. Manning	29	130	25	3	4	2	..	9	24	2	..	30	25	1	63	50	78 03	900 00	Brooklyn.
Middle Brooklyn	N. E. Smith	182	950	266	42	27	15	..	6	314	32	12	....	40	1	245	195	760 00	33,500 00	Brooklyn.
North Gowanus	N. Pierce	85	425	77	14	8	2	..	3	95	5	4	30	25	1	160	112	330 00	1,679 00	Brooklyn.
North Brooklyn	A. Elmendorf	150	750	165	25	26	16	..	3	197	13	8	200	145	1	280	195	767 50	.....	Brooklyn.
On the Heights, Brooklyn	G. W. Bethune	201	1350	304	29	38	20	..	3	348	24	9	200	75	5	650	425	5,028 32	15,962 32	Brooklyn.
New Brooklyn	Conrad Dickhaut	38	180	88	6	....	..	..	..	94	13	..	15	15	1	80	63	5 05	.....	East New York
East Brooklyn	Jacob West	50	200	35	7	22	1	..	1	62	4	1	....	40	1	100	85	90 00	1,400 00	Brooklyn.
	Total	1276	6793	1729	160	153	66	..	39	1937	136	37	767	470	21	2134	1117	$11,194 34	....	

Ministers without Charge.—R. D. Van Kleek; M. W. Dwight, D.D.; D. McL. Quackenbush, S. C., in charge of Chapel of Church on Heights.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Jamaica	John B. Alliger	200	1000	239	5	..	4	..	2	238	12	..	....	....	4	200	....	.....	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	Thomas C. Strong	155	775	128	38	5	3	..	1	166	6	4	75	25	2	175	140	$815 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	J. A. De Baun	95	682	111	2	4	....	..	1	116	5	..	15	....	1	30	....	126 53	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	44	1	3	1	..	2	45	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	14 62	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	175	800	223	15	21	14	..	3	243	7	4	175	75	2	450	350	.....	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	William H. Ten Eyck.	60	300	77	5	1	....	..	1	....	8	..	45	30	1	70	....	837 92	Astoria, L. I.
Green Point	Goyn Talmadge	80	400	59	3	22	6	..	1	77	9	..	....	45	1	140	80	242 80	Green Point, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, (S. C.)	62	300	58	3	5	4	1	1	60	4	..	10	....	1	70	50	120 76	Flushing, L. I.
South Bushwick	John S. Himrod	55	....	43	7	7	4	..	1	47	15	4	....	....	1	100	65	60 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Church on Lee Avenue	William W. Halloway	95	500	83	34	20	....	..	2	135	13	5	200	30	1	1200	650	600 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
East Williamsburgh	.....	32	130	22	3	1	....	..	..	24	4	1	35	....	1	100	75	197 37	Williamsburgh, L. I.
2d Church, Newtown, (Ger.)	Conrad Dickhaut, (S. S.)	21	80	25	25	1	1	..	..	50	18	..	8	8	..	....	....	2 15	Newtown, L. I.
	Total	1100	5317	1112	142	90	37	1	15	1201	101	18	563	213	15	2535	1410	$3017 15	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John W. Ward; Rev. E. R. Atwater; Rev. P. S. Williamson; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop; Rev. John Gray.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Poughkeepsie, 1st	A. M. Mann, (S. C.)	192	....	....	2	1	7	0	10	321	10	0	....	....	..	....	....	$914 52	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill	F. M Kip	....	....	156	2	5	6	..	5	152	1	1	70	29	1	77	62	302 22	Fishkill.
Hopewell	Vacant	90	450	190	16	..	4	..	2	200	10	13	80	....	3	140	115	76 31	Adriance.
N. Hackensack	C. Van Cleef	120	650	223	1	1	1	..	2	222	3	..	....	25	3	60	45	242 50	N. Hackensack.
Rhinebeck	Wm. A. Miller	171	....	258	5	3	....	..	4	256	1	2	130	70	3	157	115	451 98	Rhinebeck.
Fishkill Landing	Vacant	65	....	....	....	2	3	..	..	106	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	299 80	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	H Dater	85	410	149	12	4	4	..	1	160	10	4	40	25	3	60	....	69 07	Hyde Park.
Glenham	J. H. Bevier	50	250	81	8	2	3	0	1	88	3	1	50	30	1	75	60	136 50	Glenham.
Poughkeepsie, 2d	S. C. Hageman	100	450	98	3	12	2	..	4	106	3	3	25	50	1	86	....	800 73	
Cold Spring	J. Ferguson Harris	28	126	16	....	6	....	..	1	21	3	..	25	....	1	30	25	38 60	
	Total	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. S. Van Vechten, and Wm. A. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Harlingen	John Gardner	150	....	194	9	4	4	..	5	198	18	1	50	150	6	300	250	$418 00	$1100 00	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	John Van Liew	180	900	....	2	4	6	..	5	240	19	1	50	....	5	200	....	278 00	1050 00	Readington, N. J.
New Shannock	Gabriel Ludlow	176	....	185	6	6	3	..	2	192	11	..	80	100	5	125	....	396 41	.....	Flagtown, N. J.
First Church—Philadelphia	A. A. Willits	200	1000	357	28	17	12	..	2	388	6	9	250	24	3	450	380	1756 00	7000 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
Second do do	J. F. Berg	....	....	....	13	18	4	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	2	300	....	678 00	13000 00	.... (for Church debt.)
Third do do	W. J. R. Taylor	125	....	....	4	12	3	..	2	319	9	2	105	19	2	160	140	2100 00	4200 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
N. & S. Hampton		....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Blawenburgh	Theo. B. Romeyn, (S. C.)	110	....	144	7	1	4	..	4	144	3	1	30	50	5	....	....	800 00	.....	Blawenburgh, N. Y.
Stanton	H. Doolittle	100	500	163	1	1	1	..	3	161	9	..	100	....	3	....	....	112 00	.....	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk	William Fulton	60	220	93	16	3	4	..	..	108	8	2	56	40	1	120	105	61 00	.....	Manayunk.
	Total	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Br. Labagh; Rev. Jno. Talmage, Missionary in China; C. P. Wack.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Boardville	James E. Bernart, Miss'ry	45	225	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	2	55	40	$31	15	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	107	..	2	....	..	1	108	7	..	30	35	2	100	90	25	00	Little Falls, N. J.
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank	60	300	68	3	2	....	..	3	70	5	1	20	....	1	80	60	82	38	Little Falls, N. J.
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	180	850	172	1	4	6	..	4	167	6	1	46	40	5	175	130	195	91	Montville, Morris Co., N. J.
Pompton	John Gaston	125	650	186	5	8	6	..	6	187	5	1	50	60	3	180	127	217	00	Pompton, N. J.
Pompton Plains	Charles S. Shepard	172	860	190	7	3	3	1	2	195	9	2	70	75	4	270	135	206	15	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins	74	184	52	..	1	1	..	1	51	13	..	12	15	1	29	20	.....		Pompton, N. J.
Preakness	John A. Staats, (S. C.)	73	365	62	4	3	2	..	2	65	11	..	80	24	1	97	62	77	00	Paterson, N. J.
Stone House Plains	Peter S. Talmage	90	450	52	..	2	2	..	1	51	3	..	40	....	1	90	....	107	50	Bloomfield, N. J.
Wyckoff	Abraham G. Ryerson	94	470	84	11	2	....	..	..	97	8	..	25	10	1	50	40	140	15	Paterson, N. J
	Total	993	4754	973	31	27	20	1	20	991	67	5	372	259	21	1126	704	$1082	24	

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Hudson	D. D. Demarest	140	600	174	1	5	6	2	3	169	6	..	120	40	1	150	....	$513 26	$2000 00	Hudson, Columbia Co., N.Y.
1st Church, Claverack	I. C. Boice, (S. C.)	200	1000	307	1	6	3	..	5	306	11	..	....	....	4	200	175	213 00	.....	Claverack, " " "
2d Church, Claverack	John H. Pitcher	110	590	68	7	6	8	..	..	75	..	..	....	....	3	100	....	116 69	.....	Mellenville, " " "
Linlithgow	C. E. Crispell	160	....	196	4	4	3	1	2	198	13	1	39	20	6	240	180	93 32	2000 00	Livingston, " " "
Upper Red Hook	J. G. Johnson	74	245	79	3	2	..	..	..	84	4	..	16	12	1	....	....	108 63	.....	Upper Red Hook, Dutchess Co.
Germantown	Abr. H. Meyers	70	350	117	2	1	6	..	7	107	1	..	18	....	1	67	45	10 00	.....	Germantown Columbia Co., N.Y.
Greenport	H. W. Finch, (Stated Supply,)	85	425	77	1	..	1	..	1	76	..	..	....	....	3	100	....	.....	.....	Hudson, " " "
Taghkanick	William Lyall	80	400	95	1	..	1	..	4	92	9	..	....	....	5	....	....	14 00	.....	Copake, " " "

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Church, Tarrytown	Abel T Stewart, (S. C.)	100	480	172	1	3	2	2	4	170	14	..	40	70	1	120	80	$315 16	$2518 58	Tarrytown, Westch'r, N. Y.
Second " "	John A. Todd	90	450	129	30	10	..	..	2	167	..	8	38	80	1	143	80	775 85	1790 00	" " "
Unionville	Wm. S. Moore	45	225	....	..	5	..	..	2	91	1	..	..	..	1	....	..	57 50	800 00	Neperau, " "
Greenburgh	Wm. S. Moore	35	175	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	6 00	350 00	" " "
Greenville	A. A. Marcellus	44	200	49	2	4	2	..	..	53	1	1	..	..	1	....	..	47 00	.....	Scarsdale, " "
Yonkers	V. M. Hulbert	90	450	108	5	4	6	..	3	108	10	2	45	45	1	100	75	90 00	1830 00	Yonkers, " "
Hastings	Philip Phelps, Jr.	50	....	28	7	8	..	..	1	42	1	1	..	..	1	70	..	317 97	1320 00	Hastings on Hudson, "
Fordham	James Bolton	50	250	18	14	3	1	..	..	34	7	1	20	10	1	45	40	28 00	891 65	Fordham, Westch'r, "
Melrose, German	Ernest Schrœpfer	62	310	....	10	..	12	..	14	120	72	..	10	13	..	....	..	.....	.....	Morrisania, " "
Mount Vernon	Isaac M. See	37	160	58	7	9	5	1	..	68	3	..	..	40	1	75	50	124 97	1000 00	Mount Vernon " "
West Farms	Polhemus Van Wyck	60	250	....	2	2	4	..	1	60	3	1	80	35	1	120	80	.....	.....	West Farms, " "

Minister without Charge—B. Van Keuren

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Freehold	Ralph Willis	90	450	135	6	1	13	..	1	127	8	3	40	35	2	70	50	$1442 00	.....	Marlboro', Monm'th Co., N. J.
Second Freehold	Ezra W. Collier	90	450	129	9	4	8	..	1	133	11	..	53	22	1	77	60	297 00	.....	Freehold, " "
Middletown	William Reiley	95	550	126	1	1	15	..	4	101	5	..	....	....	2	100	....	490 00	.....	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood	A. Vandewater	45	200	60	10	..	..	..	1	69	4	2	50	35	4	150	100	20 00	.....	Spotswood, " "
Middletown Village	A. C. Millspaugh	65	360	102	3	4	..	..	..	109	8	2	35	15	1	50	35	531 00	.....	Middletown, " "
Keyport	Samuel Lockwood	50	200	44	..	1	2	..	2	41	3	..	25	....	1	56	40	55 00	.....	Keyport, " "
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	42	200	35	1	..	2	..	..	33	4	1	13	12	2	50	40	75 04	.....	Long Branch, " "
Colt's Neck	Jacob S. Wyckoff	50	250	17	9	17	..	..	..	43	.	7	25	12	1	60	40	.....	.....	Colt's Neck, " "

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Church of Albany	E. P. Rodgers	200	1000	407	24	20	5	..	3	437	5	5	....	5	1	147	120	$3,884 50	$5,360 00	Albany.
2d " "	I. N. Wyckoff, (S. C.)	254	1307	560	13	14	31	..	8	543	20	2	120	60	1	180	120	2,413 20	3,375 00	"
3d " "	Alex. Dickson	85	350	169	25	9	3	..	..	194	5	1	....	30	1	150	....	178 00	2,003 85	"
1st Bethlehem	John Simonson	180	900	249	15	2	1	..	7	258	7	9	94	107	4	183	140	189 00	1,379 00	Cedar Hill.
2d "	John A. Lansing	108	530	133	2	7	2	..	3	139	5	..	....	20	2	120	90	341 58	1,025 00	Albany.
Union	J. M. Compton	45	205	45	..	..	2	..	2	41	6	..	19	9	1	46	30	19 88	558 00	Clarksville.
Jerusalem	J. M. Compton	78	351	75	..	..	..	..	1	74	7	..	49	9	1	37	25	25 49	558 00	"
Coeymans	H. B. Gardiner	100	500	6[illegible]	..	10	..	2	2	77	..	..	60	2	2	65	55	82 72	637 00	Coeymans.
New Baltimore	H. B. Gardiner	74	386	64	17	5	6	..	2	78	3	8	35	50	2	100	80	100 00	579 00	New Baltimore.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	50	300	60	4	..	..	..	1	63	5	..	....	....	1	50	30	.....	150 00	"
Salem	Vacant	92	465	138	..	..	..	..	1	136	6	..	35	10	1	....	....	.....	150 00	Salem.
Westerlo	Sam'l Dyer	100	400	116	..	..	2	..	2	112	1	..	....	....	3	100	70	.....	550 00	Westerlo. *
2d Berne*	Vacant	75	350	85	..	..	..	..	..	84	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Berne.
Knox†	"	20	100	32	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	300 00	Knox.
Clarksville†	"	35	145	18	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	....	....	1	35	25	8 70	.....	Clarksville.
Holland Church	"	11	42	50	6	..	2	2	1	39	1	..	6	30	1	110	75	86 33	41 81	Albany.
German Church‡	"	25	100	29	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	"

* Supplied by Rev. J. N. Voorhees. † Supplied by J. M. Compton. ‡ Supplied by H. Schnellendruessler.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Blue Mountain	A. C. Hillman	80	310	49	4	2	..	..	1	54	9	1	20	20	1	75	45	.....	.....	Saugerties.
Caatsban	H. Ostrander	100	600	96	37	2	..	..	2	133	5	1	....	....	2	....	....	.....	.....	do.
Esopus	Jas. McFarlane	180	900	186	5	..	8	..	1	186	7	1	65	32	2	97	80	$112 70	.....	Ame-ville.
Flatbush	John Gosman	120	650	201	1	4	4	..	4	198	18	..	....	....	3	80	60	360 00	.....	Glasco.
Kingston	J. C. F Hoes	200	1000	433	8	8	17	..	5	4..7	11	1	75	40	2	200	175	905 87	.....	Kingston.
North Esopus	C. L. Van Dyck	80	400	88	10	12	..	..	1	109	12	3	87	25	1	192	87	56 50	.....	Rondout.
Plattekill	N. F. Chapman, S. C.	143	770	157	42	7	4	..	3	199	19	1	20	....	..	....	....	58 00	.....	Glasco.
Saugerties	J. Elmendorf	100	377	112	18	8	8	1	3	126	8	2	....	60	1	115	95	549 66	.....	Saugerties.
Shokan	Wm. R. S. Betts	....	....	105	..	3	1	..	..	107	3	..	....	30	1	....	50	10 00	.....	Shokan.
Shandaken	do.	25	80	35	..	..	1	..	..	34	..	..	....	....	1	....	40	3 00	.....	do.
West Hurley	Alex. Gulick	55	250	53	9	2	1	..	..	63	12	1	20	....	2	120	....	.....	.....	West Hurley.
Woodstock	W. L. James	66	250	86	1	1	9	..	11	69	5	..	....	....	3	100	75	12 00	.....	Woodstock.

Ministers without Charge.—Abraham Fort, Wesley Taylor.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Castleton	E. P. Stimson	100	....	129	5	2	1	..	3	132	12	5	....	....	1	50	....	$65 00	.....	Castleton.
Chatham	E. Holmes	75	....	56	5	14	2	..	1	72	4	1	25	20	2	95	...	65 00	$1100 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
Blooming Grove	L. H. Van Dyck	80	....	67	..	1	4	..	2	62	..	..	....	25	1	35	....	62 00	785 68	Defreestville.
1st Church, Ghent	William W. Letson	45	....	70	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Ghent.
2d do. do.	J. H. Van Woert	90	....	....	6	1	..	..	1	133	14	..	....	60	1	80	....	175 00	.....	Hudson.
Greenbush	J. R. Talmage	160	....	183	6	4	2	..	..	191	6	..	75	20	5	125	....	175 00	.....	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook	O. Bronson	200	....	298	3	9	9	..	5	296	8	1	....	....	1	150	....	692 16	.....	Kinderhook.
Nassau	Richard H. Steele	160	....	230	5	2	1	..	4	232	12	2	....	....	5	150	...	200 00	.....	Nassau.
Schodack	B. F. Snyder	200	....	....	4	3	6	..	3	253	6	1	....	....	3	....	....	142 92	.....	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	E. Nevius, S. C.	110	....	97	6	3	2	..	4	100	..	2	....	....	1	70	....	245 82	833 90	Stuyvesant.
New Concord	Henry E. Decker*	45	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	East Chatham.

* Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Union Village	C. Van Santvoord	100	450	186	1	7	3	2	6	183	8	1	15	30	1	60	....	$432 36	.....	Greenwich, Washington Co.
Saratoga	S. T. Searle, S. C.	80	320	124	2	3	6	..	3	120	5	1	20	....	1	50	35	183 57	.....	Schuylerville.
Tiosiock	J. B. Shaw	50	230	94	2	..	4	..	1	91	..	..	20	....	1	50	....	171 78	.....	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton	A. G. Cochran, S. S.	29	80	40	..	..	2	..	2	36	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	North Easton.
Schaghticoke	R. Van Brunt, S. S.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Schaghticoke.
Northumberland	Vacant	70	250	110	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Pope's Corners.
Ganzevoort	Vacant	30	120	29	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Ganzevoort.
Jackson	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Battenville.
Fort Miller	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	..	.....	.....	Fort Miller.

Ministers without Charge.—Revs. J. Birkby and J. Parry.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Auriesville	Vacant	80	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Auriesville.
Caughnawaga	D. Van O'Linda, S.S., S.C.	150	800	128	4	..	2	..	2	128	12	..	....	....	3	120	....	$120 00	....	Fonda.
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	95	390	55	5	..	..	..	1	59	1	5	....	12	1	70	55	....	....	Glen.
Hagaman's Mills	J. Lansing Pearce	50	200	59	15	4	..	..	1	77	..	4	40	62	1	62	50	83 97	....	Hagaman's Mills.
Canajoharie	Vacant	100	375	90	..	..	..	..	..	90	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Canajoharie.
Florida	John Clancy	112	560	140	3	4	..	..	3	151	2	1	70	16	4	175	150	130 00	....	Minaville.
Port Jackson	C. Yates	50	200	38	..	2	..	..	..	40	..	..	22	16	1	40	33	13 00	....	Amsterdam.
Fultonville	Vacant	75	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Fultonville.
Stone Arabia	Vacant	100	500	164	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Palatine Bridge.
Ephrata	Vacant	70	300	62	..	..	..	..	1	....	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	Ephrata.
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern	100	500	164	..	..	..	..	..	164	15	..	....	15	2	110	80	64 00	....	St. Johnsville.
Fort Plain	M. L. Schenck,	100	550	80	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Fort Plain.
Manheim	Paul Weidman	54	268	54	2	..	..	..	..	56	6	..	....	....	1	35	20	10 00	....	Manheim.
Herkimer	C. S. Mead	220	1100	320	..	4	..	..	3	321	23	..	....	30	4	145	100	....	....	Herkimer.
Fort Herkimer	J. L. Starks	50	....	30	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	....	....	1	30	....	....	....	Fort Herkimer.
Mohawk	J. W. Hammond	55	275	29	3	..	..	..	..	32	..	1	....	30	1	55	33	33 69	....	Mohawk.
Henderson	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Mohawk.
Columbia	E. S. Hammond	72	316	58	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Columbia.
Mapletown }	J. J. Quick	100	400	73	..	..	..	..	..	73	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Root.
Carrystown }		75	340	64	..	..	..	..	..	64	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Root.
Mariaville	Vacant	50	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	Mariaville.
Frankfort	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. Elbert Slingerland.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Received On Confession	Received On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Schoharie	R. Wells, S. S.	103	525	127	2	..	..	..	1	128	..	..	....	....	3	120	80	$156 00	$1062 63	Schoharie.
Schoharie Mt.		41	....	....	2	..	..	..	2	45	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	do
Middleberg	E. Vedder, S. C.	75	400	90	3	2	4	..	1	90	8	..	35	40	3	160	120	94 20	660 00	Middleberg.
Berne	J. C. Vanliew,	60	....	64	4	..	..	..	1	67	3	..	....	....	1	75	50	32 00	1510 00	Berne.
Beaverdam		55	....	63	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	642 48	do
Lawyersville	H. A. Raymond	80	....	65	2	3	..	..	1	69	9	..	10	15	1	30	....	11 25	.....	Lawyersville.
Sharon		100	....	....	2	..	2	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do
North Blenheim	Wm. G. E. See.	43	200	42	5	2	1	..	2	46	2	2	....	....	2	60	....	.....	99 19	North Blenheim.
Eminence		19	90	9	3	2	..	..	..	14	..	2	....	....	1	40	....	.....	5 00	do
Breakabin	Wm G. E. See, S. S.	26	105	33	..	..	..	..	1	32	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	3 00	do
Gallupville	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Gallupville.
Gilboa	Benedict	120	550	157	20	11	7	..	2	176	9	9	25	50	1	200	175	.....	.....	Gilboa.
Cobleskill	Vacant	20	80	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lawyersville.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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1st Church, Schenectady	J. H. Seelye	270	1300	366	14	5	6	..	6	373	5	3	....	....	1	230	200	$808 11	$2350 00	Schenectady.
2d do do	J. G. Duryee	110	600	75	14	14	4	..	1	98	2	..	....	....	1	125	92	38 00	.....	do
3d do do	W. F. Schwilk	42	200	90	37	..	27	..	..	95	22	..	20	....	1	40	33	29 37	.....	do
1st Church, Glenville	P. H. Burghardt	160	800	172	4	2	2	..	5	171	8	2	100	80	4	172	130	85 50	801 00	Glenville.
2d do do	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Scotia.
1st Church, Rotterdam	C. Jukes	100	500	81	5	2	1	..	5	82	2	2	25	20	2	35	25	.....	500 00	Hoffman's Ferry.
2d do do	C. Spalding	90	300	....	4	11	3	..	1	85	10	1	....	....	2	70	50	71 06	2752 00	Schenectady.
Amity	R. L. Schoonmaker	80	400	129	3	..	....	..	1	122	..	..	....	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	Visscher's Ferry.
Niskayuna	C. L. Wells	100	500	157	16	1	5	..	2	167	4	..	30	25	4	100	70	142 00	.....	Niskayuna.
Lisha's Hill	do	60	300	54	50	2	....	..	1	105	5	12	20	15	1	60	50	112 00	.....	do
Helderburgh	W. P. Davis*	150	600	200	2	..	10	..	2	190	15	..	....	....	4	130	100	.....	.....	Guilderland Centre.
Princetown	D. B. Hall, S. S.	80	400	89	..	..	....	..	3	86	6	..	....	....	4	80	65	25 00	360 00	Dunnsville.
Day	Calvin Case	50	175	19	6	..	1	..	1	23	3	3	....	50	2	75	50	26 00	425 00	West Day.

* Pastor elect.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Messrs. Thos. Romeyn, D. B. Hall, and Abram J. Swits, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Owasco	Wilson Ingalls	106	....	116	2	8	1	..	3	123	1	1	....	80	4	100	....	$200 41	$700 00	Owasco.
Syracuse	J. R. Berry, S. C.	110	....	112	1	7	1	..	..	119	4	..	140	60	1	175	120	474 63	2300 00	Syracuse.
Canastota	Vacant	50	....	22	1	3	..	..	1	25	..	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Canastota.
Utica	G. H. Fisher	70	....	200	..	6	12	..	5	189	3	..	....	....	1	150	100	1090 34	2800 00	Utica.
Lysander*	Vacant	....	....	31	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lysander.
Thousand Isles	G. Rockwell, M.	75	....	17	3	..	..	..	..	20	1	3	....	13	4	100	....	8 00	.....	Alexandria, Jefferson Co.
Cicero*	Vacant	80	....	55	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cicero.
Owasco Outlet	S. R. Brown	50	....	92	5	8	5	..	1	95	..	2	75	....	2	85	....	383 84	234 50	Auburn.
Chittenango	S. P. M. Hastings	114	....	76	5	..	4	..	1	76	2	3	100	35	3	220	150	105 00	850 00	Chittenango.
West Leyden	John Boehrer	12	....	....	26	2	..	..	..	30	9	..	20	20	1	37	28	14 49	152 39	West Leyden.
Naumburg	W. Wolff, M.	36	....	98	..	..	3	..	..	96	12	..	7	25	1	40	....	31 00	155 00	Naumburg, Lewis Co.
New Bremen	do. do.	24	....	65	..	..	..	..	1	57	6	..	....	....	1	13	....	.....	80 00	do do.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. W. J. Bradford.
* Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Berea	James B. Ten Eyck	70	350	107	3	3	3	..	2	108	5	1	....	....	..	....	....	$ 85 00	.....	St. Andrews, N. Y.
Montgomery	Robert P. Lee	190	1000	342	11	5	5	..	5	348	20	1	120	110	..	....	....	555 00	.....	Montgomery, "
Shawangunk	Charles Scott, S. C.	230	1100	260	19	10	8	..	3	278	18	6	131	204	5	262	222	410 00	.....	Bruynswick, "
New Prospect	Vacant*	120	550	146	3	3	9	1	1	141	3	..	....	....	‡2	75	60	.....	.....	Ulsterville, "
Deer Park	H. Slauson	100	685	117	1	1	2	..	2	115	5	..	85	....	1	85	55	57 00	.....	Port Jervis, "
Newburgh	M. N. McLaren	104	500	144	9	12	7	..	1	157	4	4	115	105	1	178	133	404 30	.....	Newburgh, "
Minisink	David A. Jones	46	200	63	3	..	3	..	2	61	5	..	14	12	3	112	89	92 32	.....	Montague, N. J.
New Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	900	111	1	2	4	..	3	113	8	1	141	62	5	200	150	319 52	.....	New Hurley, N. Y.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	95	500	160	9	11	7	..	2	171	7	1	100	80	2	125	100	400 00	.....	Walden, "
Walpack	Robert Pitts, S. S.	130	550	195	7	..	1	2	6	193	6	2	....	....	3	100	80	29 75	.....	Delaware, Pa.
Bloomingburgh	S. W. Mills	100	540	175	7	6	7	..	3	178	6	4	....	....	1	82	82	229 03	.....	Bloomingburgh, N. Y.
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	125	500	117	6	7	7	..	1	122	4	2	....	30	1	125	125	416 01	.....	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	Jeremiah Searle	100	523	119	3	1	2	..	1	121	3	..	44	20	2	105	71	314 95	.....	Woodbourne, "
Warwarsing	N. D. Williamsen	158	780	140	8	11	7	..	6	146	5	1	70	75	5	190	150	233 21	.....	Napanoch, "
Grabamville	Vacant	70	340	114	..	..	4	..	1	109	..	..	....	..	1	35	24	.....	.....	Grabamville, "
Mamakating	Stephen Searle	70	350	89	5	1	1	1	1	92	7	2	30	25	4	100	70	124 12	.....	Wurtsborough, "
Upper Neversink	Vacant ‡	30	145	16	..	..	....	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	2	35	25	.....	.....	Claryville, "
Middleport	Vacant †	100	500	19	18	..	7	..	..	30	15	4	....	....	‡1	45	45	.....	.....	Kerhouksen, "
Cuddebackville	Henry Morris	70	350	26	1	1	2	..	1	25	2	..	15	25	2	50	35	12 25	.....	Cuddebackville, "
Jeffersonville	Julius Hones ‡	16	50	43	..	..	2	..	1	40	4	..	10	....	1	20	20	.....	.....	Jeffersonville, "
Thumansville	Julius Hones ‡	18	40	28	2	..	4	..	2	24	10	..	....	....	1	25	25	2 60	.....	Callicoon Centre, "
2d Ellenville	J. P. Pfister	50	225	41	24	..	....	1	..	64	27	..	7	12	1	40	40	22 50	.....	Ellenville, "

Ministers without Charge.—J. Boyd, W. S. Heyer (Newburgh), W. Youngblood (Montgomery), returned Missionary, B. R. Hall and C. D. Elting, the last two dismissed but not yet received elsewhere.

* Supplied by William Hamilton, Pastor elect. † Supplied by N. W. Jones, Pastor elect. ‡ Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Athens	W. D. Buckelew	70	350	88	2	2	2	2	1	87	..	..	....	36	2	130	100	$ 87 00	$ 800 00	Athens, N. Y.
Catskill	R. B. Welsh	223	1055	213	16	14	5	..	2	236	30	4	160	85	5	245	184	143 00	4600 00	Catskill, N. Y.
1st Church, Coxsackie	Vacant	195	950	335	3	1	9	..	10	340	14	12	100	....	3	140	100	300 00	1225 00	Coxsackie, N. Y.
2d do do	John Steele, (S. C.)	85	450	118	6	1	2	..	1	122	5	1	30	....	1	75	50	246 63	1000 00	do
Kiskatom	Vacant	72	282	119	2	..	8	..	3	110	5	1	....	....	1	65	45	13 00	102 00	Kiskatom, N. Y.
Moresville*	do	95	300	77	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Moresville, N. Y.
Leeds	John Minor	95	450	123	16	3	2	1	2	138	16	3	50	35	1	130	90	75 00	800 00	Leeds, N Y
Prattsville*	Wm. Johns	50	300	59	..	..	..	..	..	59	..	..	....	....	1	80	....	.....	.....	Prattsville, N. Y.
Roxbury*	Wm. E. Turner	68	....	59	..	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	....	18	1	65	....	.....	.....	Roxbury, N. Y.

* Reports of last year.

CLASSIS OF WATERVLIET.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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West Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	550	279	..	13	6	..	..	286	6	..	40	....	1	160	110	$478 74	$1500 00	West Troy.
South West Troy	G. L. Roof	85	385	94	9	3	2	..	3	101	6	3	....	....	1	120	90	136 00	1148 00	do .
Wynant's Kill	J. Stevenson	40	120	60	4	2	..	..	..	66	1	1	12	15	1	38	25	100 00	600 00	Wynant's Kill.
Boght	John Dubois	64	300	90	1	..	..	..	..	91	4	..	....	20	1	40	30	84 81	640 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. Van Brunt*	56	265	82	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (S. C.)	90	375	114	1	11	4	1	..	121	16	.	40	....	1	90	70	302 22	1375 00	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	G. McCartney	40	200	57	7	..	2	..	..	62	2	3	....	12	1	40	35	27 00	.....	West Troy.

* Pastor elect.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. John Smith.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, S. C.	147	735	198	7	2	12	..	5	190	6	2	34	50	4	200	160	$403 11	$1,765 07	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Farmersville,	B. Bassler,	100	500	143	..	2	1	..	1	143	2	..	....	35	1	100	80	351 66	840 00	Farmersville, Seneca Co.
Geneva	Joseph A. Collier	145	600	168	9	2	9	1	5	165	3	3	85	100	1	155	120	563 75	1,534 22	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Ithaca	John W. Schenck,	97	367	124	1	8	5	..	1	128	1	..	46	17	1	100	70	230 15	1,494 17	Ithaca, Tompkins Co.
Arcadia	Vacant	43	185	50	3	3	4	..	..	52	2	..	22	16	1	56	23	20 70	.....	Arcadia, Wayne Co.
Tyre	J. R. Van Arsdale	50	250	65	2	..	4	..	2	61	3	1	18	10	2	60	50	15 00	434 00	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
Caroline	John Whitbeck	45	150	52	..	..	2	..	3	47	..	..	....	15	1	40	30	42 00	376 86	Slaterville, Tompkins Co.
Wolcott	Vacant	44	200	43	1	5	2	..	..	47	3	..	20	....	1	50	....	19 96	796 75	Fairhaven, Cayuga Co.
Waterloo	James Abell	40	60	18	2	..	5	..	..	15	..	..	....	....	1	60	35	8 00	208 00	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
1st Buffalo	John L. See	25	100	26	2	3	1	..	..	30	..	..	25	12	1	50	35	65 00	400 00	Buffalo, N. Y.
2d Buffalo	Vacant	14	94	56	6	6	2	13	1	50	11	..	6	7	..	....	....	4 50	.....	do do
Pultneyville	A. K. Kasse	62	300	120	..	15	9	3	2	121	19	..	50	....	2	50	....	30 00	220 00	Pultneyville, Wayne Co.
Rochester	W. C. Wust	118	519	203	11	32	14	..	3	228	42	..	128	....	..	....	....	14 47	819 67	Rochester, box 1354.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewald,	34	144	96	5	..	40*	..	..	61	14	..	25	15	1	33	25	20 00	135 00	Clymer, Chatauque Co.
Cato		45	215	49	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	20	....	.....	.....	
Mina Corners	Vacant	19	90	....	4	35	..	2	..	37	3	..	19	7	1	19	14	12 00	†900 00	

Ministers without Charge.—R. W. Knight, J. Hammond (Emeriti), J. Beattie, A. G. Morse, John Muller.

* There were 35 dismissed from Church of Clymer to form a new Church. † Raised for building a new Sanctuary.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in communion per last report.	Recd on Confession	Recd on Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes	
Bloomingdale	J. R. Lente	80	296	....	3	3	..	..	1	102	8	..	40	17	1	....	....	$61 16	.....	Kingston.
Clove	Vacant	200	1100	105	2	..	4	..	3	100	16	..	....	....	3	100	80	30 00	.....	High Falls.
Dashville Falls	do	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	1	60	....	.....	.....	
Guilford	J. N. Jansen	150	750	94	8	1	2	..	2	99	13	3	40	60	4	100	....	202 00	.....	Tuthill.
Hurley	B. C. Lippencott	72	432	93	12	3	5	..	4	98	1	1	35	25	1	70	60	108 06	.....	Hurley.
2d Church, Kingston	A. Du Bois. S. C.	70	200	83	6	14	5	..	4	94	10	2	20	30	1	120	70	227 99	.....	Kingston.
Marbletown	J. L. McNair	170	836	136	16	..	4	1	4	143	17	3	115	40	4	200	120	615 28	.....	Stone Ridge.
New Paltz	C H. Stitt	212	1200	210	6	3	4	..	4	211	26	2	250	280	6	390	..	615 99	$1010 00	New Paltz.
North Marbletown	B. C. Lippencott, S. S.	100	560	55	7	3	2	..	..	63	10	3	25	....	2	70	60	45 00	.....	Hurley.
Rochester	C. Wyckoff	200	850	....	9	3	5	..	4	163	21	2	....	....	7	350	....	386 27	.....	Accord.
Rosendale	J. R Lente	62	294	....	..	1	..	..	3	42	6	..	10	6	1	32	....	13 75	.....	Rosendale.
Samsonville	S. Harlow	75	375	37	4	..	..	..	1	39	4	..	....	12	1	30	....	27 70	.....	Samsonville.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Centreville	Jos. H. Kershow	30	....	37	1	4	1	..	..	41	2	..	....	40	3	40	....	$55 00	$334 00	Centreville, St. Joseph's Co.
Constantine	Wm. Bailey	60	....	39	11	2	2	..	1	49	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Constantine, do
Mottville	Wm. Bailey	40	....	6	24	5	1	..	..	34	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do do
Ridgeway	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Ridgeway, Lenawee Co., Mich.
Macon	F. P. Beidler	32	....	33	....	2	....	..	..	35	2	..	....	12	3	60	....	27 00	.....	Macon, do do
Jefferson	H. Heermance	30	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	2	40	....	.....	.....	Sparta, Hillsdale Co., do
South Bend	C. A. Evans	20	....	2	....	..	....	..	1	14	....	..	....	20	..	40	....	15 00	446 00	
Grand Rapids	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Battle Creek	Vacant.	40	....	22	2	8	2	..	..	30	3	..	17	12	2	54	....	13 00	1280 00	
*Sandusky City	Vacant.	20	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	40	6	..	8	10	1	60	....	.....	.....	
Total		272		139	38	21	6		2	243	14		25	94	11	294		$110 00	$2060 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. G. Tarbell, J. H. Sheffield, and J. N. Schultz, S. C., Battle Creek, Mich.

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.				POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Contributions for Religious and Benevolent purposes.	
Fairview	Wm. A. Anderson	125	....	135	17	17	21	..	3	148	25	1	....	200	1	120	....	$303 00	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	Aaron Loyd	50	....	....	....	2	2	..	..	42	1	..	....	....	1	80	65	.....	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	S. A. Bumstead	20	...	15	3	4	....	..	..	22	2	1	....	50	1	40	....	10 00	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Raritan	C. D. Eltinge	32	...	....	....	..	....	..	2	29	1	..	....	20	1	37	....	.....	Raritan, Hend'son Co., Ill.
Silver Creek	J. M. Wagner	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Freeport, Steph'n Co., Ill.
Vanderveer	S. B. Ayres, S. C.	...	....	....	....	1	....	..	..	24	1	..	20	30	1	40	....	.....	Plea's't Plains, Sang'on Co.
Burlington	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
Bushnell	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	
	Total	227	....	150	20	24	23	..	5	265	30	2	20	300	5	317	65	$313 00	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Ford Morris and A. D. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Drenthe	Vacant	....	....	60	....	..	....	..	2	58	10	..	27	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, Mich.
Graafschap*	Vacant	59	....	134	....	..	....	..	..	134	....	..	38	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Fillmore, Mich.
Grand Rapids†	Vacant	54	....	94	....	..	....	..	..	94	....	..	40	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Grand Haven	P. J. Oggel	105	....	156	4	35	10	..	12	180	25	1	100	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Grand Haven, "
Holland	A. C. Van Raalte, S. C.	153	....	316	6	26	14	2	6	334	37	1	112	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	Holland, "
Kalamazoo	Vacant	62	....	127	20	6	24	2	5	117	11	2	64	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Kalamazoo, "
Noordeloos*	Vacant	11	....	23	....	..	....	..	..	23	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Holland, "
Overyssel*	Vacant	50	....	125	....	..	....	..	..	125	....	..	60	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Holland, "
Vriesland*	Vacant	70	....	202	....	..	....	..	..	202	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, "
Zeeland	C. Van der Meulen	222	....	348	35	21	16	..	23	351	45	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, "
	Total	786	....	1585	65	88	64	4	48	1618	128	4	441	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	

* Last year's report. † One-half of last year's report.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Alto	Vacant	40	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	$16 00	.....	Alto, Wis.
Bethlehem	Vacant	29	....	42	..	8	3	..	1	62	7	..	19	....	..	....	....	8 34	.....	Bethm., Milwaukie P. O.
Chicago	J. M. Ferris	15	....	....	1	18	....	..	..	19	..	1	....	....	..	....	....	23 00	.....	Chicago, Ill.
Chicago, (Holland)	Vacant	30	....	55	7	10	5	..	..	50	7	..	30	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Chicago, Ill.
Franklin	Vacant	23	....	34	4	32	1	..	2	67	6	..	24	....	..	....	....	41 80	.....	Franklin, Milwaukie Co.
Gibbsville	Vacant	25	....	58	..	....	....	..	..	58	..	..	20	....	..	....	....	3 35	.....	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co.
Holland	Van Leuwen*	40	....	60	7	4	5	..	..	66	8	..	35	....	..	....	....	9 60	.....	Holland, Sheboygan Co.
High and Low Prairie	M. A. Ypma	90	....	92	20	25	3	..	1	133	24	..	70	100	1	....	....	42 27	.....	Thornton, Cook Co., Ill.
Milwaukie	S. Bolks, S. C.	106	....	140	15	25	35	..	17	206	26	..	75	100	1	100	60	97 15	.....	Milwaukie, Box 449.
Oostburg	H. Van der Schwar	80	....	101	9	....	....	..	..	110	15	..	50	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Oostburg, Sheboygan Co.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	..	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	478	....	582	63	122	52	..	20	771	93	1	323	200	2	100	60	$239 51	.....	

* Pastor elect. *Missionary*—J. A. Davenport.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT, (India)—No Report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROT. DUTCH CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1857.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	No. of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	No. in Biblical Instruction.	No. of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
New York	22	32	..	..	1873	10195	233	164	3959	208	33	1213	355	24	3796	$27236 42	$23977 01	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of New York	12	19	..	..	956	3700	163	89	2189	184	20	839	235	15	1981	10943 30	32645 05	" S. H. Meeker.
New Brunswick	20	26	..	..	2029	9170	192	113	3118	186	16	648	337	46	2343	6027 83	5927 83	" S. M. Woodbridge.
Bergen	23	27	1	..	2233	10534	292	105	2702	609	12	1416	759	31	2824	35113 00	.....	" Alex. H. Warner.
Paramus	14	13	1	..	1549	7547	92	42	1843	128	8	337	116	12	720	906 12	1250 00	" J. H. Duryea.
South Classis of Long Island	14	17	..	..	1276	6793	160	153	1937	136	37	767	470	21	2134	11194 34	61558 77	" D. McL. Quackenbush.
North Classis of Long Island	12	16	..	..	1100	5317	142	90	1201	101	18	563	213	15	2535	3017 15	.....	" G. H. Mandeville
Poughkeepsie	11	11	..	..	901	2836	49	36	1632	44	24	420	229	16	685	3332 23	.....	" A. M. Mann.
Philadelphia	10	12	..	..	1101	2620	86	66	1750	83	16	721	373	32	1655	6599 41	26350 00	" Theo. B. Romeyn.
Passaic	10	10	..	..	993	4754	31	27	991	67	5	372	259	21	1126	1082 24	.....	" John A. Staats.
Hudson	8	8	..	..	919	3610	20	24	1107	44	1	193	72	24	857	1068 84	4000 00	" Ira C. Boice.
Westchester	12	12	..	..	663	2950	76	48	913	112	12	233	293	9	673	1762 45	10500 23	" A. T. Stewart.
Monmouth	8	8	..	..	517	2660	39	27	656	33	15	241	131	14	613	2910 00	....	" A. C. Millspaugh.
Albany	17	11	..	..	1532	7431	106	67	2354	71	25	418	332	22	132	7329 40	16666 66	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster	12	13	..	..	1149	5587	140	49	1705	109	12	287	207	19	979	2067 73	.....	" N. L. Chapman.
Rensselaer	11	10	..	..	1265	.....	40	39	1524	62	12	100	125	20	755	1822 90	2719 58	" E. Nevius.
Washington	9	7	..	..	359	1450	5	10	430	13	2	55	30	3	160	787 71	.....	" S. T. Searle.
Montgomery	22	13	..	..	1758	7274	32	14	1365	59	11	132	181	20	842	454 66	.....	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie	13	6	..	..	731	1860	40	21	787	34	10	90	106	10	615	297 45	3885 11	" E. Vedder.
Schenectady	13	13	..	..	1292	6075	155	37	1597	82	23	195	190	27	1117	1327 04	7188 00	" Abraham J. Switz.
Cayuga	12	9	..	..	727	.....	43	34	830	38	10	342	233	18	920	2307 71	7271 89	" J. R. Berry.
Orange	22	22	..	..	2175	10687	145	76	2651	164	29	882	748	43	1964	3707 97	....	" Chas. Scott.
Greene	9	6	..	..	953	4137	65	21	1213	70	21	340	174	17	930	864 63	8527 00	" John Steele.
Watervliet	7	8	..	..	490	2195	22	29	727	35	7	92	47	6	488	1128 77	5263 00	" C. N. Waldron.
Geneva	16	16	..	..	876	3765	42	104	1211	93	5	432	251	15	857	1680 80	4328 39	" G. J. Van Neste.
Michigan	10	8	..	..	272	.....	38	21	243	14	....	25	94	11	294	110 00	2060 00	" J. N. Schultz.
Illinois	8	8	..	..	227	.....	20	24	265	3	2	20	300	5	317	313 00	.....	" S. B. Ayres.
Holland	10	3	..	..	786	.....	65	88	1618	128	4	441	....	1	.....	.....	.....	" A. C. Van Raalte.
Wisconsin	11	6	..	..	478	... ..	63	122	771	93	1	323	200	2	100	239 51	.....	" S. Bolks.
Arcot, (India)	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	" W. W. Scudder.
Kingston	12	8	..	..	1391	6893	73	29	1154	132	16	535	470	32	1523	2333 20	1010 00	" A. Du Bois.
Total	390	378	2	33	32579	129540	2666	1769	44443	3162	407	12672	7530	550	33335	$135265 51	$225128 52	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully present the following report:

The Minutes of the last General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and of Chicago, were placed in our hands, and were carefully examined.

They find nothing in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany to which to direct the attention of this General Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York they find, upon page 35, the following recommendations:

The South Classis of Long Island recommend that General Synod be requested to adopt more efficient measures to prevent the preaching of students in the Churches, before they are licensed.

The Classis of Westchester recommend Alex. Watson to the General Synod for a dispensation from the study of Greek and Hebrew, in order that they may license him for the Gospel ministry.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago are the following resolutions, found on page 10:

Resolved, That the Particular Synod of Chicago overtures the General Synod to appoint an itinerant Missionary Agent, to labor within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Chicago, in order to foster feeble Churches to their establishment, and to gather new congregations; said Missionary to be under the joint direction of the Particular Synod of Chicago and the Board of Domestic Missions; and to be paid a sufficient salary and his travelling expenses, by the Board of Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That Mr. W. H. Van Vleet, from the Classis of Illinois, and Mr. J. Baay, from the Classis of Wisconsin, be recommended to the next General Synod as suitable persons to receive aid from the educational funds.

On page 17:

Resolved, That inasmuch as there is not a quorum of Elders present, this Particular Synod proceed to act, and ask of the General Synod a dispensation, provided no quorum of Elders be present previous to adjournment.

In the Minutes of the General Synod may be found the following particulars, as claiming the attention of this Synod. On pages 94 and 95:

Whereas, The labors of the Synod, and of its Committee on the subject of the revision of the Liturgy of the Church, has shown that it is a work as difficult as it is important, to attain a satisfactory result; and,

Whereas, The Synod are anxious that the revision should receive the most mature and thorough consideration previously to its being submitted to the decision of the several Classes, and which cannot now be afforded; therefore,

Resolved, That the forms for the administration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, as adopted by this Synod, be sent down to the several Classes for their approval or disapproval.

Resolved, That the further consideration of the Liturgy be referred to the Synod at its stated meeting in June, 1857.

On page 103:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., Jeremiah S. Lord, and the Elder, Thomas Jeremiah, be appointed, to revise the plan for a Sustentation Fund, adopted in October, 1855, and report to the next General Synod.

On page 96:

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was adopted, with the exception of so much as related to the subject of the Board of Sabbath School Union, which was recommitted, with instructions to report upon the same at the next General Synod.

On page 116:

Resolved, That the part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which refers to our relations to the A. B. C. F. M., be not printed in the Minutes, but transmitted to the next Synod, with the documents accompanying it, namely, the report signed by Rev. Dr. Ferris, and the papers transmitted with it.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to send up to the next Synod a full statement of the expenses that would probably be incurred by an independent missionary establishment.

All of which is very respectfully submitted,

P. H. BURGHART, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as refers to the subject of dispensations or applications for aid from the funds of the Synod, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of the preaching by students in the Theological Seminary, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the overture from the Synod of Chicago, in relation to an itinerant missionary, be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the Synod of Chicago holding a session without a quorum of Elders, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much of the report as relates to the subject of the Liturgy, be taken up when the General Synod shall reach that subject.

Resolved, That the subject of a report on the Sustentation Fund be referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

Resolved, That the subject referred to on p. 96, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That the subject referred to on p. 116, on the present connection of the Synod with the A. B. C. F. M. in conducting foreign missions, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business beg leave to present the following report on the various matters referred to them:

1. With regard to the Particular Synod of Chicago, asking a dispensation with reference to their late session, at which there was not a quorum of Elders present.

The Constitution of our Church requires the presence of seven Ministers and seven Elders, to constitute a quorum, at the meeting of each Particular Synod, and in no case should this constitutional requirement be departed from, except under very peculiar circumstances. Such peculiar circumstances your committee believe existed in the present case. Many of those delegated to the Synod of Chicago had to travel a great distance, and at considerable expense both of time and of money—doubtless one or other of these was the cause why some of those delegated to said Synod were not present at the session referred to. Though your committee do not think the expense of either time or money a justifiable excuse for non-attendance on the part of those delegated, yet, in view of the circumstances in which the Synod was placed, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the dispensation asked for by the Particular Synod of Chicago be and hereby is granted.

2. With regard to the application of the Elders and Deacons of a Church at Rochester, designated as the Reformed Dutch Church at Rochester, which appears to be an independent organization, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. W. Van Deven, asking to be received as a member of this body, your Committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That said Church should make their application to the Classis of Geneva.

3. With regard to the overture from the Classis of Bergen, requesting General Synod to take some action with reference to baptized children, so that they may be recognized in the transfer of their patents from one Church to another, according to the 4th Chapter, 1st

Article, 3d Section of the Constitution, viz: "All baptized persons are members of the Church, are under its care, and subject to its government and discipline," your Committee would report: That not only the Constitution of our Church, but also the word of God recognizes the covenant relation which the offspring of God's people sustain to the Church. If members of the Church, they should be recognized and treated as such, and not as aliens. They should be taught the fact that they stand in this relation—the nature of that relation, and the obligations resting upon them. Hence, in their passing from under the care and watch of one part of the Church to another, they should bear with them the testimony to which they are entitled, and not be allowed to go forth as aliens. The recognition of this great principle of our Faith should; be set forth in our practice; therefore your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in the transfer of the parents from one section of the Church to another, the membership of their baptized children be recognized, and they be included in such transfer.

4. With respect to the Classis of Passaic, asking "direction as to what course to pursue with reference to those persons whose names are upon our record of membership, but who have left the Church irregularly and without certificates, and whose places of residence are at present, and have been for a term of years, entirely unknown."

Whereas the Constitution provides but three ways whereby a member can dissolve his connection with the Church, or have it dissolved; and whereas there are many whose names stand upon the record of the several Churches, which have not been erased in any one of these constitutional ways, and yet whose place of residence is not known, nor the fact of their being among the living or the dead; and whereas the desire of Synod, as frequently embodied in resolution, is to obtain an exact report from all the Churches of actual membership: therefore be it *Resolved*, That the several Consistories be directed to keep a separate list of those members whose place of residence, after diligent search, cannot be ascertained, and that such members be not included in the yearly statistical reports.

5. With reference to the request of the Classis of Wisconsin, to be assisted in meeting the expense of their delegates to the General Synod:

Your Committee fully appreciate the request of the Classis of Wisconsin, asking the attention of this Synod to the subject of the expense incurred by their delegates in attendance upon the meetings of Synod. In this connection, the Committee have also listened to the suggestions of delegates from other Western Classes. It is evidently unjust that these delegates, or their Churches, should be subject to the expense necessarily incurred in the long journeys required to enable them to be represented in the meetings of this body. Unless some provision is made to bear at least a part of their expenses, a failure of representation from our Western Churches must of necessity occur. The Commit-

tee are of opinion that provision should be made to pay the expense of these delegations to an amount equivalent to the excess to which they are now subjected over and above the average of delegates from other portions of the Church. The Committee therefore recommend a payment of such excess to the delegations from our Western Churches, upon the principle of mileage, at the rate of two cents per mile.

As it is believed that the funds of the Synod will not warrant a draft upon them for these expenses, and reluctant as the Committee are to recommend any additional tax upon the Churches, yet necessity is laid upon us. The Committee therefore propose the following:

Resolved, That the expenses of delegates from the following Classes, incurred in attendance upon Synod, be paid at the rate of one cent per mile, for the distance set opposite their names respectively, and apportioned as follows:

Classis of	Wisconsin,	eight	hundred	miles.....	$ 96 00
"	Illinois,	nine	"	"	108 00
"	Michigan,	seven	"	"	84 00
"	Holland,	seven	"	"	84 00
					$372 00

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod is hereby requested to pay the delegates before mentioned the appropriations which may become due to them, upon the order of the Stated Clerk of this Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee.

ALEXANDER H. WARNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Resolved, That each of the Stated Clerks of the several Classes of our Church be directed to call the attention of their respective Classes to the 15th Section of Article 1st, of Chap. I. of the Constitution, with the view to their instituting inquiries whether the letter or the spirit of this Section is not violated.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Reports were received from certain Classes in relation to the amended Forms for the Administration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, which were sent down to the several Classes by the last Synod, (p. 95,) which were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. James Demarest, John B. Shaw, and the Elder, E. Andrews.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Classes in relation to the revised sacramental forms, viz., Baptism and the Lord's Supper, beg to present the following report:

That the reports of only thirteen Classes out of thirty have been received; that they have examined them, and find that five of the thirteen, to wit:

The South Classes of Long Island,
" North " " "
" Classis of Geneva,
" " " Michigan,
" " " Paramus,

approve of the amended forms. And that eight, viz:

Classis of New Brunswick,	Classis of Cayuga,
" Passaic,	" Greene,
" Orange,	" Schoharie,
" Bergen,	" New York,

disapprove of the amended forms.

JAMES DEMAREST, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That (for the purpose of testing the sense of the Church on the subject) the Synod hereby approve the portions of the Revised Liturgy of 1856, not yet acted upon, so far as to authorize the Board of Publication to issue the same in a separate volume, and also to allow Ministers and Consistories who may choose to do so, to use them—it

being understood that this is a provisional arrangement, to continue until the stereotype plates from which the Liturgy is now printed are worn out, when the whole subject shall be finally determined.

Whereas, The Sacramental Forms contain certain verbal errors, which it is thought desirable to correct:

Resolved, That each Classis be requested to transmit to the next General Synod a list of such changes, if any, as they may desire to have made in those forms.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred, with certain accompanying papers, to the Committee on Education.

The report of B. L. Kip, late Treasurer, and that of F. J. Hosford, the present Treasurer of the Board of Education, were received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A report was received from the Committee on Education, appointed at the session of the General Synod of 1856, in relation to a portion of their report then submitted, in reference to the Sabbath School Union, which had been recommitted, with direction to report to this General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education, to whom were submitted the documents relating to Education, respectfully report to the General Synod that they have carefully examined these papers, and present the following statement as their action on, and disposal of them:

I.—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Under this head are classified the Reports of the General Synod's Sabbath School Board, and the report of the committee appointed by the last General Synod "to confer with both the Sabbath School and Publication Boards, in relation to the management and co-operation necessary to the proper conducting of all their affairs, and to report to this Synod at its next Annual Session, with a view to their more perfect and harmonious action."

In relation to the report of the Sabbath School Board, your committee remark, that the Saviour's command to Peter, "to feed his lambs," makes the Sabbath School an integral part of a completely organized Church. The instruction and religious upbringing of children is a part of the work of the visible Church. The fact that a majority of the earth's population are minors, makes this matter one of tremendous importance. The Consistory of every Church is bound to watch over this immense interest. The Classes and General Synod cannot shrink from meeting the question of the religious rights of children.

It is on this ground that the General Synod has a Sabbath School Board. This Board has the supervision, *or ought to have the supervision* of all Sunday Schools belonging to the *denomination.* Inasmuch, too, as the question of Ecclesiastical Boards, instead of Voluntary Boards, is substantially settled in the opinion of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church: therefore the necessity of all the Sunday Schools in the denomination being connected with the Sabbath School Board of General Synod is self-evident.

The Sabbath School Board, after due deliberation, state in their report that a Secretary is needed by them, whose whole time shall be devoted to the interests of the Board. Your committee are not exactly agreed on the expediency of the General Synod appointing a Secretary at this time; still we believe it to be a matter of such vital importance to the interests of Sabbath Schools, as to require the careful consideration of this General Synod.

If the Synod think proper to appoint a Secretary, there would be no lack of work for him to do. On the contrary, it would be an arduous and responsible Secretaryship. He would not only be required to take the general supervision of the affairs of the Board, but also to correspond with the Churches, visit them, to pour light on the great question of Sabbath School instruction, as well as to make known the best Sabbath School literature, and the best methods for conducting and teaching Sunday Schools.

In relation to the report of the committee to confer with the Board of Publication, your committee have only to state that the Sabbath School Board, after due consideration of the matter, have resolved to pass over to the Board of Publication the Sunday School Books, Journals, &c., as the most suitable agency to take charge of them.

As a proper disposition of the matters appertaining to the whole Sabbath School documents, your committee recommend:

I. That the General Synod approve and sanction the transfer and the sale of the stock in trade of the Sabbath School Board to the Board of Publication, on equitable terms, with the view to the future publication by the Board of Publication of all the Books, Pamphlets and Sunday School Papers of the Sabbath School Union.

II. That the Board of Sabbath School Union be authorized to elect a Secretary, whose whole services shall be devoted to the interests of the Board, whenever in their estimation it may be deemed expedient.

III. That the General Synod urge on all the Consistories of the Churches the necessity of connecting their Schools with the General Synod's Sabbath School Board, as in union there is strength.

IV. That the General Synod moreover request the Consistories to see that a tabular report of their Schools be annually prepared and forwarded to the Sabbath School Board, one month previous to its annual meeting.

II.—MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your committee consider the report of the Board of Education a valuable and able document. It grapples with many questions of vast importance to the well-being of the Dutch Church. If the spirit of it could be imbibed by every member of this Synod, a new impulse would be given to Ministerial Education.

The following points have been suggested to your committee by the perusal of the report:

1. *The duty of parents to consecrate their children wholly to the service of the Church.* It is to be feared that the fundamental thought in Baptism is too often lost sight of. The element of water is a symbol of the covenant between the parent on the one hand, and Godhead on the other. The consecration by Elkanah and Hannah of their son Samuel is a model one.

2. *The subject of Parochial Schools.* The question concerning parochial schools is one of immense importance. The Committee believe that the necessity for their establishment rests on the proposition, that the religious element should be a condition of all school systems. If this proposition be sound, then the argument for the necessity of parochial schools is complete. It ought to be remembered, however, to carry out the Parochial System, attention must be paid, 1st. To school structures and grounds; 2d. To School Books and to a school literature, as well as to the system to be taught; and, 3d. To teachers, their aptness to teach, and to the breadth of their attainments. Over and above this, the establishment of one or more normal schools, to raise up suitable teachers for the parochial schools.

3. The fact that the number of pious youths, in course of preparation for the Gospel ministry, is much increased; and that the number of Churches contributing to the fund of the Education Board is greatly augmented since the appointment of the laborious and efficient Secretary.

4. In the Treasurer's account these figures point out the duty of every Church in the denomination to this Board. Your Committee cannot understand how any Consistory can reconcile with the duties of their high office their failure to bring the interest of this Board, and every other Board of the Church, before the people annually.

Your Committee feel it their duty to call the attention of the General Synod to these facts, and they finally propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Education pay the Tuition bills of utgers College, over and above the maximum allowance to students.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to fill any vacanes that may occur in their number between the sessions of General ynod; and that the person so chosen shall serve till the expiration of e time of those whose places they take.

Resolved, That General Synod remove the limit of the amount which e Board may pay to the Secretary, leaving the amount of his salary be determined by the Board.

Resolved, That General Synod adopt "the report of the Committee ppointed to digest a plan for the better conducting of our whole Eduational system, adopted by the Board of Education, and by it ordered be sent to the General Synod for its adoption."

III.—THE HOLLAND ACADEMY.

Your Committee on Education call the attention of the Synod to e fact, that the Holland Academy, located in the Town of Holland, the State of Michigan, is in a highly flourishing condition. It apears that it has already 15 young men in it, who expect to become mbassadors of Christ. It promises to be an efficient agency in promong the object of the Board of Education. It is expected that, with e addition of an assistant teacher, and a new building, 50 or 60 stuents will make application for instruction next fall.

In view of the importance and promise of this institution to the hurch, your Committee recommend:

1. That General Synod approve of the erection of the new edifice, r the benefit of this Literary Institution.

2. That the Rev. A. C. Van Raalte be commended to the Churches, his efforts to collect funds for the new buildings for their Academy.

3. That the Classical Committee, already nominated by the Classis, nd approved by the Particular Synod of Chicago, to regulate and anage the affairs of the Holland Academy, be requested to take harge of the property of the Academy according to legal form, or to lace the title in the Board of Corporation of the General Synod, that he property may be secured to the object to which it has been deoted.

4. That the same Committee shall annually report its doings to the Board of Education.

IV.—THE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATION FUNDS.

The Committee have considered these documents, and find them enirely satisfactory. We are unanimously of opinion, that the Churches ely too much on these vested funds. The children should not feel that, ecause their fathers made appropriations for educating a ministry, hey are therefore to be exempted from all moneyed responsibility. The ery opposite of this is the case. The wants of the Churches are in-

creasing with every generation. The children ought, then, to follow the example of their fathers in this particular. For how shall the people hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, unless they be raised up, commissioned and sent forth.

The account of the Treasurer, which accompanies this report, has been compared with the vouchers, and certified as correct, leaving a balance in his hands of $13.76 due the General Fund; $53.25 due the Special Fund; and $150 belonging to the fund for the emigration of pious young men from Holland.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the General Synod.

JAMES SCOTT, *Chairman.*

ITHACA, *June* 9, 1857.

The following is the "Plan for the better conducting of the whole Educational System of the Church," adopted by the Board of Education, and referred to in the above report:

The Board of Education shall consist of 24 members, to be elected for three years, of whom nine shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall be divided into three classes, one of which shall be elected annually. They shall have power to choose their own officers, and shall have the immediate care of all the beneficiaries and education interests of General Synod, including such beneficiaries as shall receive support or assistance from the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, and shall have power to make such By-Laws as they may deem necessary, and as shall not contravene the rules established by General Synod, and shall annually report all their proceedings to the General Synod.

MODE OF RECEPTION.

1. Every person applying to be received as a beneficiary, must be a member in regular and good standing in the Reformed Dutch Church, and must also have been a member of some Protestant Church for at least one year previous to his making such application.

2. If any one wishes to avail himself of the aid of the Church, he shall make known his desire to his Pastor, or some member of the Classis with which his Church is connected, who, if he approves of it, shall make application to the Classis for his examination.

3. The examination shall be on his personal piety, on his motives for seeking the holy office of the Ministry, on his general habits, on his studies, his talents, his ability for public speaking, his health, his freedom from debt, and the necessity of his receiving aid.

4. If this examination be sustained, and Classis decide to recommend him to the Board, it shall be done in the following form:

At a meeting of the Classis of , held at , on

ie day of , 18 , the person whose name is given . the following report, having been examined in conformity with the lan of Education adopted by General Synod, is hereby recommended) receive aid from the Educational Funds of the Church:

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ame.	Age.	Residence.	With what Church connected.	Stage of Education.	Lowest amount required.	Health.	Debts.

5. When the beneficiary thus recommended shall have been received y the Board of Education, his name shall be entered upon a book :ept by the Secretary, and ruled in the following manner:

No.	Name.	Age.	Residence.	With what Church connected.	Stage of Education.	Place of Study.	Lowest amount required.	When received.	When his connection ceased.	General Remarks.

6. This power of examining candidates shall be vested in the Board of Education also, and they shall be empowered to make such examination whenever in their judgment they may deem it necessary or desirable.

7. Every beneficiary shall have finished a complete and regular course of Collegiate study before he shall be allowed to enter the Theological Seminary, unless a dispensation shall have been obtained from General Synod.

8. If at any time there shall have been discovered in any student such defect in capacity, diligence, prudence or piety, as would render his introduction into the Ministry a doubtful measure, it shall be considered the sacred duty of the Board to withdraw their appropriations.

Students shall also cease to receive the assistance of the Board when

their health shall have become such as to unfit them for study, and for the work of the ministry; when they are manifestly improvident, and contract debts without reasonable prospects of payment; when they marry, and when they receive the assistance of any other Educational Board or Society.

9. If any student fail to continue in his preparation for the work of the ministry, unless in the judgment of the Board he be providentially prevented, or if he cease to be in connection with the Reformed Dutch Church, or if the withdrawal of his support shall have been rendered necessary by wilful neglect of duty or mal-conduct, he shall be required, at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Board, to refund all the money which he may have received from the Board.

10. When any student shall have found it necessary to relinquish study for a time, to teach or otherwise increase the means of support, he shall first obtain the consent of the Executive Committee, and it shall be left to their decision whether his appropriation, under the circumstances, shall be continued, or continued only in part.

11. All the instructors of the young men under the care of this Board shall be furnished with forms of a report, and shall be requested to fill up and forward the same to the Secretary of the Board, at the close of each current term of study.

12. All the students shall be considered to be under the Pastoral care of the Secretary, who shall endeavor to cultivate a friendly intercourse with them, and, if he deem it advisable, occasionally to address them individually or together.

13. All previous action of General Synod which is in conflict with the Plan of the Board of Education now adopted, is hereby repealed.

A true copy from the Minutes.

JAMES A. H. CORNELL, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Sabbath School Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Philip M. Brett, Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., William W. Halloway, Paul D. Van Cleef, John M. Macauley, D.D., and Messrs. Livingston K. Miller, Adrian Bergen, Daniel R. Hitchcock, Daniel R. Suydam, John Delamater, J. B. Wood, and James Anderson.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., Abraham Polhemus, D.D., R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., and

s A. H. Cornell, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, James Suy- and James W. Beekman.

e Committee on Nominations having reported double the number 'sons from whom to elect an individual to preach the sermon on ation, Synod proceeded to the election, when it appeared that the William J. R. Taylor was chosen *Primarius;* and the Rev. A. P. Giesen, *Secundus.*

solved, That all the Pastors and Churches in connection with this l are hereby earnestly requested to observe the last Thursday in ıary as a day of special prayer for Colleges and Seminaries of ng, and that the Classes take measures to secure this object.

solved, That hereafter the annual sermon on Education shall be hed on Tuesday evening of the second week of the session.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

thing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

e following report was received from the Committee appointed to re the erection of a Theological Hall in New Brunswick, accom- l with the Treasurer's report and vouchers, and deeds for the pro- , donated or purchased, on which the Hall is erected, which were ed to the Committee on the Professorate.

e Committee appointed by the General Synod to procure the and secure the erection of a Theological Hall, beg leave to make report:

the kind providence of God, the work assigned them has been leted. The Peter Hertzog Theological Hall was finished on the f last September, on which day it was solemnly dedicated to the e of God, and opened for the occupancy of the sons of the proph- The experience of eight months, during which period the Hall een occupied, enables the Committee to speak with much confi- as to the commodiousness of the building. The rooms of the ıts are comfortable and well ventilated. The furnaces set up by A. W. Rand, of Philadelphia, have given entire satisfaction. Dur- ıe intense cold weather of the past winter, the apartments of the ıts in the Hall were more comfortable than the houses of any of

the Committee residing in New Brunswick. Some few rooms of the building have not been sufficiently heated during even the mildest winter weather, but the fault was not in the furnaces, but in the heat-flues, which difficulty the Faculty hope to remove during the summer vacation. For further security against fire, it is purposed to take up the floors around the furnaces, and to pave those parts of the basement with brick. The cement-wash, with which the outside of the building is coated, was purposely left in its present condition, that it might become hardened. As it is hoped this end has been gained, it is now desirable, both for beauty and durability, to have the whole of the exterior brick work thoroughly painted. This work ought certainly to be done this fall.

By the kind liberality of the Churches, the apartments of the students and the lecture rooms of the professors have been comfortably furnished. The Committee prepared and had printed a circular, addressed particularly to the ladies of our Churches, asking them to afford the means necessary to accomplish this purpose. The response was prompt and adequate. The first answer came from Mrs. Sarah Zabriskie, widow of the late Rev. John L. Zabriskie, who has since gone to her reward; and Mrs. Sarah Gates, late wife of Rev. Cornelius Gates, and Miss Anna M Tappan sent their responses from their death-beds. These three answers are particularly mentioned by the Committee, because the reception of them served to cheer the heart in a dark hour. But the donors were confined to no one class or condition, and we gratefully record the fact, that male and female, old and young, white and colored, united in pouring in their offerings into the lap of the Lord. May God be mindful of them, because they had pity on us in the day of our trouble. The Treasurer's report gives in detail the names of the individuals and Churches who came to the help of the Lord, and it is still further the purpose of the Committee, during the present vacation, to place the names of these individuals and Churches upon the doors of the rooms. Would it not also be well to prepare a tablet, and suspend it in the Library of the Hall, upon which the names of all the liberal donors should be inscribed?

From the Treasurer's report it will be seen that $967.$\frac{48}{100}$ have been expended in excavating, grading, &c., and that more than $200 have been expended in curbing and paving the gutter on College Avenue, flagging, &c. But nothing further can be done to good purpose, until the property is enclosed in a fence. The Committee would therefore call the attention of the Synod to the necessity of having a substantial iron fence around the premises. Now, the Hall stands in the midst of desolateness, but when the ground is enclosed the work of arranging and adorning will be vigorously prosecuted. This outward seemliness is due to ourselves and our Church, and much more to God.

The Corporation of New Brunswick have also resolved to open an Avenue in the front of the Hall. The Synod will therefore have to provide at its present session for these expenses.

The Committee, together with this report, send to the Synod the

deeds of the land on which the Hall stands. The Synod are aware that Messrs. James Neilson, David Bishop, and Charles P. Dayton presented to the Church the lands for which the accompanying deeds were given; but the land of John Myers was obtained by purchase, the money for that purpose, ($2,000,) having been generously given by Messrs. Francis and Wessell Wessells, of Paramus, N. J. All these deeds have been recorded in the Clerk's Office, of the County of Middlesex.

The building has been insured by the Committee for $15,000, at a premium of $180, of which, however, $30 was a carpenter's risk. As the year of insurance will expire on June 9th, before the deeds, &c., of the Hall will reach the Board of Corporation, the Committee will secure the insurance for a second year out of the funds remaining in their hands.

It will also be seen by an examination of the Treasurer's accounts, that besides insurance, the Committee have paid for Janitor's wages, fuel, &c.; for all which expenses in future the Synod will please take order.

In this connection, it is important to state the fact, that all the exercises of the Seminary during the past year have been performed in the Theological Hall, and that the Seminary has, therefore, derived no advantages from the services of the College Janitor, nor used the fuel of the College, for both of which the Synod has hitherto paid the College. In the opinion of the Committee, these funds should now be appropriated to the support of the Theological Hall.

The Committee beg leave to say, that the discharge of their duties has brought them into correspondence with nearly every portion of the Church, and they rejoice to add, that the interests of the Seminary are very dear to the hearts of the Church. The Synod need, therefore, have no fear, lest in devising liberal things they should not receive a hearty response from the people. The Committee are sure that the Church will promptly answer all proper calls made by Synod in behalf of the Seminary.

The Committee feel it a duty to add, that of the funds contributed for the erection of the Hall, Mrs. Hertzog gave her liberal donation at the personal solicitation of the Rev. Dr. Ludlow, at whose request also James Neilson, Esq., gave his large gift of land. The Rev. Dr. Van Vranken collected among his friends the sum of $4,000, and he has also handed to the Committee notes to the amount of $750, which are just maturing, and will be paid promptly on demand. The rest of the money was chiefly sent in answer to the printed circular of the Committee.

The Treasurer's account, together with the vouchers for all expenditures, accompanies this report, which shows a balance of $1,308.91 in hand. Certain debts remain still to be paid, viz., balance of janitor's salary $50; renewal of insurance $150; painting and graining library

shelves (say) $60. There may be a few other bills still unpaid, but they cannot be of any great amount.

The Committee, in conclusion, give thanks to God for having given them such a work to do, and for having so remarkably blessed them in the doing of it. As long as they live they will bless His name for the honor of having been helpers in the erection of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN,
WM. H. CAMPBELL,
JOHN LUDLOW,
TALBOT W. CHAMBERS,
THOS. C. STRONG,
GEORGE W. BETHUNE.

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May* 29, 1857.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

: *General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in account rith the Committee for the erection of the* PETER HERTZOG THEOOGICAL HALL.

55.		Dr.	$	cts
ept'r	19	Cash paid John Myers, for lot of land	2,000	
		" " John Colter, mason on contract, (vouchers 1. 3, 7, 10, 15, 17, 37,)	14,000	
		" " John Colter, for cisterns and privies, (25)	1,005	76
		" " Jeremiah Van Riper, carpenter, on contract, (vouchers 4, 8, 9, 11, 14, 22, 28, 52, 53, 63,)	14,058	06
		" " Jeremiah Van Riper, on work not in contract, (64,)	668	01
ov'r	23	" " Warren Hardenbergh, drawing and recording deeds, (2,)	12	
56.				
an'y	18	" " J. J. R. Croes, surveying, (5,)	25	
ay	20	" " James Demarest, sundries, (12.)	11	02
une	11	" " Lewis Applegate, insurance, (13)	180	
	26	" " Gas Light Company, inside tubing, (16,)	400	
		" " Wm. Moore, excavating, grading, &c., (vouchers 18, 21, 23, 26, 34, 42, 43, 48,)	967	48
		" " A. W. Rand, for furnaces. (19, 94.)	1,294	
ugust	5	" " Brower & Conover, curbing and paving, (20,)	73	47
	29	" " A. W. Rand, for kitchen range, (24,)	180	
	30	Counterfeit Note, (27,)	5	
ept'r	3	Cash paid James Gair, plumber. (29. 65,)	217	90
		" " Freight, express and cartage, (30, 38, 40. 41, 47, 55, 73, 84, 90, 98,)	32	86
		" " D. Voorhees & Son, furniture. (31, 57, 80,)	1,038	89
	8	" " Zabriskie & Lamby, looking glasses, (32,)	31	03
	10	" " P. Costello and others, lengthening drain. (33)	25	28
	16	" " A. & G. Brandon, gilding vane, ball, block letters, &c. (35,)	64	50
	19	" " Nelson Garver, watchman, (36.)	12	
		" " Charles P. Strong, sundries, (39, 92.)	4	75
		" " For cleaning and labor, (44, 56, 74,)	79	81
)ct'r	2	" " Cornelius & Baker. gas fixtures, (45,)	137	94
	3	" " O. Shipway, wash bowls, (46.)	18	
	10	" " Doremus & Nixon. furniture, (51,)	2,216	66
		" " Isaac Bartle, flagging, (50,)	75	80
	11	" " Runyon & Wright, drain tile, (54,)	6	29
		Carried forward	$38,841	51

1856.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	38,841	51
October	18	Cash paid Society of Inquiry, by order of 1st Church of Raritan, (60,)	60	
	21	" " J. J. R. Croes, surveyor. (61,)	3	
	24	" " Holman & Rhine, (62,) dining tables, &c.	18	69
	25	" " A. M. Quimby & Son, lightning rods, (66,)	125	
	28	" " Dayton, Stoddard & Miller, carpets, (67,)	139	10
Nov'r	1	" " James M. Dunham, window fastenings, (68,)	9	75
	6	" " Gas Light Company, laying main, &c., (69,)	200	08
	8	" " P. A. Vandeventer, wood, (70, 75,)	5	
	19	" " Wm. M. Van Sickell, stoves, &c. (71, 78, 86, 87,)	73	53
		" " J. & D. Bishop, curbing, &c., (72,)	24	79
Dec'r	3	" " Aug. F. Todd, express, (77.)		81
1857.		" " E. T. Corwin, mats, &c., (79, 81, 97.)	5	75
Jan'y	24	" " W. H. Armstrong, stove, &c., (88.)	20	88
		" " Peter D. Emmons, Janitor, &c., (49, 89,)	116	87
Feb'y	17	" " W. Rowland, gas fixtures, (91,)	8	88
March	5	" " Gas Company, repairs, (93,)	1	88
	11	" " Danford, Wright & Co., engravers. (95, 104,)	17	90
	12	" " James C. Bergen, library cases, (96,)	311	
April	30	" " Robert H. Wilson, tinman, (101,)	57	64
May	16	" " Brower & Conover, masons, repairs, (102, 103.)	45	82
	23	" " John C. Bergen, carpenter, repairs, (105,)	26	47
April	7	" " H. Richmond, on coal bill, (99,)	100	
May	2	" " State Bank, for collecting check, (106,)		30
	30	Balance in Bank	1,308	91
			$41,523	56

15.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Cash received from Mrs. Anna Hertzog, of Philadelphia	30,750	
pril	2	" " " John N. Genin	10	
		" " " ——— Woram, New York	10	
		" " " Dr. James Anderson, "	50	
		" " " ——— Haughwout, "	20	
fay	12	" " " Mrs. Sarah Zabriskie, Millstone, N. J.	60	
	15	" " " Mrs. Catharine L. Lott, Flatbush, L. I.	60	
	30	" " " Ladies Ref. D. Church of Hudson, N. Y.	60	
une	9	" " " Rev. Wm. H. Steele, Newark, N. J.	100	
	12	" " for two tenements on the Myer's lot	495	
	19	" " from Miss Elizabeth Bennet, New Brunswick, N.J.	160	
		" " " Messrs. Francis & Wessell Wessells, Paramus, N. J.	2,000	
	25	" " " Ref. D. Church, Boundbrook, N. J.	60	
		" " " 1st Ref. D. Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	61	
		" " " Mr. Blackstone	5	
	30	" " " S. B. Schieffelin, New York	500	
uly	1	" " " R. D. Church, Blawenburgh, N. J.	90	50
	2	" " " " " Marbletown, N. Y.	60	
		" " " " " New Hackensack, "	74	
	3	" " " " " Claverack, N. Y.	60	
	4	" " " Mrs. C. Fisher, Utica, N. Y.	60	
	8	" " " Mrs. Wm. C. Miller, Albany, N. Y.	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, Coxsackie, N. Y.	60	
	18	" " " Nicholas Wyckoff, East Williamsburgh, N. Y.	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, East Williamsburgh, N. Y.	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, Harlingen, N. J.	61	
		" " " 2d R. D. Church, New Brunswick, N. J.	68	
		" " " L. W. Kip, New York	25	
ust	1	" " " R. W. Cooke, M.D., Monmouth Co., N. J.	50	
		" " " Ladies Benev. Society, 1st R. D. Church, Kingston, N. Y.	60	
	9	" " " Ladies R. D. Ch., Walden, N, Y.	60	
	13	" " " A. O. Zabriskie, Jersey City, N. J.	60	
		" " " Miss Mary Zabriskie " "	60	
	15	" " " 1st R. D. Church, Philadelphia	60	
	16	" " " " " " Jersey City, N. J.	60	
	20	" " " R. D. Ch., Acquacknonk, N. J.	90	
		" " " the Misses Van Vorst, Jersey City, N. J.	60	
		" " " Ladies 1st R. D. Ch., Van Vorst	60	
		" " " Mrs. E. C. & G. S. Corwin, Jersey City, N. J.	60	
		Carried forward	35,819	50

		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	35,81	50
August	26	Cash received from 2d R. D. Church, Albany, N. Y.	60	
	29	" " " Ladies of the R. D. Church, Bergen, N. J.	240	
		" " " Ladies of the R. D. Church, Middlebush, N. J.	66	94
		" " according to the dying request of Mrs Sarah Gates	60	
		" " from Ladies R. D. Church, Wyckoff, N.J.,	60	
Sept'r	1	" " " Levi Hasbrouck	20	
		" " " Ladies R. D. Church, East New York, L. I.	120	
	2	" " " Ladies R. D. Ch., Flatbush, L. I.	90	
		" " " Mrs. Helena Lefferts, New York	60	
		" " according to the dying request of Miss Anna M. Tappan, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	60	
		" " from Stephen Van Rensselaer, Albany, N. Y.	500	
		" " " a young lady of Poughkeepsie	2	50
	3	" " " Myndert Van Schaick, New York	50	
	4	" " " Mrs. Wm. G. Grant, Ithaca, N. Y.	60	
		" " " Ladies R. D. Ch., Flatlands, L. I.	76	63
	8	" " " " 2d " " Hackensack, N. J.,	60	
		" " " " R. D. Church, Schraalenbergh, N. J.	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, Silver Creek	10	51
	9	" " " " " Six Mile Run, N. J.	60	
		" " " " " New Shannock, "	60	
		" " " 1st R. D. Church, Freehold, "	60	
	12	" " " R. D. Church, Newburgh, N. Y.	60	
		" " " " " Owasco, "	60	
	14	" " " " " Millstone, N. J.	60	
		" " " 2d R. D. " Raritan, "	71	50
	17	" " " Church of the Heights, Brooklyn,	480	
	20	" " " M. E. Viele, Albany, N. Y.	120	
		" " " Mrs. Helena D. Townsend, N. Y.	100	
		" " " R. D. Church, Farmer, N. Y.	60	
	22	" " " " " New Lotts, L. I.	60	
		" " " 3d R. D. " Philadelphia	125	50
	23	" " " Mrs. George Zabriskie and family.	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, New Paltz, N. Y.	60	
		" " " " " Pompton Plains, N. J.,	60	
	24	" " " Joseph Vanderveer, Monmouth County, N J.	50	
		" " " Hendrick E. Conover, Mon. Co. N.J.,	100	
		" " " R. D. Church, Holmdel, " "	60	
		" " " " " Newtown, L. I.	60	
		" " " " " Griggstown, N. J.	60	
		" " " 1st R. D. " Raritan, "	60	
		" " " R. D. Church, Bedminster, "	60	
		" " " " " Holland, Michigan	22	13
		" " " " " Friesland, "	2	20
		Carried forward	39,507	41

1856.		Cr.	$	¢
		Brought forward	39,507	41
Sept'r	24	Cash received from R. D. Church, Overyssel, Michigan.	3	35
		" " " " " Graafschap, "	3	09
		" " " " " Zeeland, "	18	70
		" " " Samuel B. Schieffelin, for library cases	150	
		" " " Samuel B. Schieffelin, for fuel of students	100	
	25	" " " Mrs. Wm. T. Runk, New Brunswick.	60	
Oct'r	6	" " " D. La Fayette Schanck, Monmouth County, N. J.	200	
	16	" " " 2d R. D. Church, Freehold, N. J.	60	
	20	" " " Sab. School R. D. Church, Broome Street, N. Y.	70	24
	25	" " " R. D. Church, West Ghent, N. Y.	60	
Nov'r	12	" " " Mrs. Van Rensselaer	5	
Feb'r'y	4	" " " Demise Thompson, Mon. Co., N. J.	25	
	11	" " " Jacob Herbert, " "	50	
	12	" " " Jacob H. Ten Eyck, Albany, for library cases	100	
March	5	" " " M. E. Viele, Albany, for lib. cases.	50	
	11	" " " R. D. Church, Holmdel. "	9	
April	15	" " " Wm. Statesir, Monmouth Co., N. J.,	500	
		" " " Daniel J. Schenck, " " "	485	
	29	" " " R. D. Church, Readington, N. J.	54	77
May	3	" " " students, for repairs	12	
			$41,523	56
	31	Balance carried to new account	$1,308	91

[Errors excepted.]

The following report was received from the Theological Faculty, transmitting to the Synod a plan for the regulation of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, which they had been required by the Synod to prepare, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The Theological Faculty, in accordance with the following Resolution of General Synod, (passed June, 1855,)

"*Resolved*, That the Theological Faculty be empowered to prepare and adopt a plan for the regulation of said Hall, should it be completed before the next session of the General Synod, and, in any case, subject to the revisal of said Synod,"

Beg leave respectfully to report the following Rules, which have been adopted by them for the regulation of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall:

RULES.

1.—The Hall shall be under the immediate oversight and control of the Theological Faculty, subject to the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.

2.—No person shall be admitted to the privileges of the Hall, but such as are preparing for the Gospel Ministry.

3.—In assigning rooms, the preference shall be given to the Theological Students in the order of the classes. The same order shall be observed in relation to the students in the College and Grammar School. The students shall select rooms in alphabetical order.

4.—Every one residing in the Hall shall pay $5 room rent to defray contingent expenses.

5.—No person shall room alone without the special permission of the Faculty, and he shall be required to pay $10 room rent, and be charged double for fuel and light.

6.—Every person occupying a room without boarding in the Hall, shall be charged $10 in addition to the regular charges.

7.—Every occupant of a room shall be responsible for injury done to the room or its furniture.

8.—Every occupant of a room shall carefully secure the outside shutters of his room.

9.—Prayers shall be regularly maintained in the Chapel of the Hall, at 7 A.M. and at 5½ P.M., at which all the students residing in the Hall will be required to attend. The students of the Senior Class in the Seminary shall officiate in turn.

10.—The following hours, viz: from 9 A.M. to 12 M., and from 2 P.M. to 5½ P.M., and after 7 P.M. shall be regarded as study hours, during which no music or noise, which will disturb or interfere with study, shall be allowed in the building.

11.—A monitor for each corridor shall be chosen by the students residing in the same, who shall have the supervision of it, according to such rules as the students may adopt, and the Faculty approve.

All which the Faculty respectfully report.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN,
WM. H. CAMPBELL,
JOHN LUDLOW.

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May* 29, 1857.

The Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, whose term of service has expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Albany, Passaic, Schenectady, and the South Classis of Long Island, which were confirmed.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to nominate double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated.

The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly. The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Maurice W. Dwight, D.D., Jacob Van Vechten, D.D., Abram G. Ryerson, Julius H. Seelye, A. H. Van Vranken, and Theodore B. Romeyn.

The Rev. Francis M. Kip, who was nominated by the Classis of Poughkeepsie, was appointed a member of the Board in the place of Rev. A. Polhemus, D.D., who has removed from the bounds of the Classis.

The Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D., who was nominated by the Classis of New Brunswick, was appointed in the place of Rev. John DeWitt, who has resigned his seat.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully present the following report:

I. A careful examination of the papers referred to them from the Board of Direction of the Corporation, shows that the general condition of the funds of the Synod is eminently satisfactory. The operations of that Board entitle them to the largest gratitude and confidence of the Churches, whose faithful servants they have been for so long a period. As their Report, together with the Annual Digest, and the Accounts of the Treasurer, will be printed in the Minutes, we deem it necessary only to refer the Synod and Churches to these important documents.

The Board ask for power to sell upon equitable terms, and convey the Moses Cowan property in Saratoga County, for the benefit of the Board of Education, to which it was bequeathed.

Resolved, That this request be and hereby is granted.

A deficiency is reported in the annual income of the Synod for the past and previous ecclesiastical years, amounting to eight hundred dollars per annum. This has been caused by the increased obligations assumed in October, 1855. The collections directed to be taken by the Synod of 1856 have amounted only to $552.09, which is not enough to meet the deficiency of a single year. To prevent a growing debt, the Board earnestly ask the Synod to take prompt action in the premises.

Resolved, That until permanent funds can be procured, the amount necessary for the contingent expenses of each year shall be apportioned by the Treasurer and Stated Clerk of General Synod, among the several Classes, and that it shall be the duty of each Classis to arrange for the collection of the same by its Questor at its stated Fall or Spring Session, and to see that the amount so collected shall be punctually paid to the Treasurer of General Synod.

Resolved, That the Committee consisting of Rev. John Knox, D.D., W. B. Crosby, James Suydam, C. E. Spangler, and Robert H. Pruyn, who were appointed by the last Synod to procure a permanent addition of the funds for investment, be continued, and that they be requested to urge the matter promptly, and report at the next stated meeting of the General Synod.

The Committee would also call attention to the collection of outstanding subscriptions to the Professoral Fund. The amount of said subscription reported as available is $7,000. The vicissitudes of human life admonish us of the need for securing these sums as promptly as possible, and we respectfully invite the action of the Board upon this subject.

II. The Van Benschoten and Knox Funds appear to have been carefully administered. Sixteen young men have been sustained in whole or in part by the former, and two by the latter.

We observe that interest to the amount of $402 remains unpaid upon the Van Benschoten Fund. This amount would nearly sustain three young men during the present year. The necessity of securing these and all other moneys arising from this Fund, is respectfully urged upon the attention of the Trustees of Rutgers College, who are the Trustees of this Fund.

An unappropriated balance of $312.11 is reported from the Knox Fund.

III. Respecting the resignation of the Treasurer of General Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod have received with deep regret the resignation by Isaac Young, Esq., of his office of Treasurer of the General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That his resignation be accepted, and that the Bond given on his appointment be surrendered to him to be cancelled, so soon as all the books, papers, documents, moneys, and securities in his possession which belong to the Synod, shall be delivered by him to his successor in office, under the supervision of the Board of Direction of the Corporation.

3. *Resolved*, That while yielding to the request of their Treasurer, the Synod do hereby for themselves, and in the name of the whole Church, express their high sense of the faithfulness and efficiency with which Mr. Young has managed the large trust committed to his care during the space of thirty years, and that we desire for him in his retirement from public life the choicest Divine blessings, both spiritual and temporal.

4. *Resolved*, That a certified copy of this action be sent to Mr. Young by the Stated Clerk.

IV. *Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.* Thirty-five young men have been in attendance upon the exercises of this Institution during the past year. One has withdrawn on account of doctrinal differences. Six have received professoral certificates.

The very valuable services of Professor Ludlow have been temporarily suspended, by a long and severe illness. With the deepest sympathy for the beloved Professor in his affliction, we desire as a Synod to express our fervent gratitude, that there is a bright prospect of his speedy and entire restoration to health and duties. Long may he be spared to train up many useful, learned, and devoted Ministers of Jesus Christ.

The Board of Superintendents report that more than five hundred volumes have already been collected as the nucleus of a new library for the Theological Hall. Appropriate book cases have been erected by the donations of friends of the Institution. On this important subject we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be and hereby are expressed to the generous donors of books and money for the Theological Library and for the erection of book cases.

Resolved, That the Synod earnestly request liberal donations from all the friends and lovers of our Church, for the purpose of enlarging the library of the Theological Seminary with works of permanent value.

Resolved, That the Theological Faculty be hereby authorized to remove the books given by the late Mrs. Margaret Chinn, together with the case which contains them, from the College Building to the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.

Whereas, A room is provided as a Library in the Theological Hall, and properly prepared for the reception of the books belonging to the

Synod; and *whereas*, a large number of the books now in the Library of Rutgers College are the property of the General Synod; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Drs. Van Vranken, Campbell, Ludlow and De Witt be a committee on the part of this Synod, to act in concert with a corresponding committee to be appointed by the Trustees of Rutgers College, to effect an amicable and equitable division of the books in the Library of the College at New Brunswick.

2. *Resolved*, That the Libraries of both Institutions should be accessible to the Professors and Students in the College and Seminary, under the regulations adopted for each.

Respecting the right of Rev. Dr. Polhemus to a seat in the Board of Superintendents, as a representative of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, after his connection with that body had ceased, your committee respectfully report the following action:

Resolved, That no person can be entitled to a seat in the Board of Superintendents, who is not at the time being a member of the Classis for which he was elected, and therefore that the decision of the Board is not sustained in this case.

V. *Peter Hertzog Theological Hall.* The committee have carefully examined the documents submitted to them respecting this Institution. These important papers consist of Deeds for the land which has been secured for the use of the Theological Seminary, together with the report of the committee appointed to procure the funds and secure the erection of the Theological Hall; the Treasurer's accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the committee, with the vouchers; and the report of the Theological Faculty, containing a plan for the regulation of said Hall, which is submitted to Synod for approval. On this whole subject your committee must be allowed to express their surprise and gratitude over the results reported in these documents. When but two years ago the committee was charged with the high trust, it was not known where the first dollar was to come from. But God has most signally honored the faith with which the Church then cast herself upon His providence and grace. There the noble building stands, a monument of Divine favor to our ancient Church, and crowned with complete success in its practical operation. Friends have been raised up, munificence has poured forth its sanctified streams like the smitten rock in the wilderness. And now with fervent love and ardent hope the whole Church may repeat the prophetic promise which was uttered like a fresh inspiration over its corner stone, "*Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide.*"

To complete the historical records of this great work, and as an act of simple justice to the Synod, to the committee, to the generous friends of the Institution, and to the Church at large, we recommend what follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the committee to procure the funds, and secure the erection of a Theological Hall, and the Treasurer's re-

port of the receipts and expenditures for the property, be accepted, approved, and printed in full in the Minutes of this General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rules for the regulation of the Theological Hall, as reported by the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, be approved, and printed in connection with the above documents in the Minutes.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod and of the entire church are hereby tendered to the Committee who have enjoyed the honor of bringing this great enterprise to its present issue, and that we hold in the highest estimation their arduous, persevering, faithful and successful labors.

4. *Resolved*, That a *Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall* be appointed, consisting of six persons, of whom the Theological Professors shall always be members; the other members shall serve during the pleasure of General Synod, one of whom shall be annually chosen by the General Synod. The Committee recommend that the Rev. Drs. Bethune and Chambers and Rev. T. C. Strong be the remaining members of the Committee for the present year.

5. *Resolved*, That this Committee shall have the general charge of this property, to keep it in repair and attend to such business matters as may be necessary for its proper preservation; and that this Committee shall report fully at each stated session of the General Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That the Standing Committee be authorized to carry out the suggestions made in their report for finishing the building and the grounds, and whatever else may be necessary to complete its appropriate arrangements.

7. *Resolved*, That this Committee are hereby authorized and requested to secure such additional funds as may be needed to accomplish the objects of the Institution.

8. *Resolved*, That the attention of the friends of the Church and her Institutions is earnestly called to the reports made to this Synod respecting the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, and that other continued liberality is solicited, in order that it may immediately be put on a full equality with the most favored and complete Theological institutions in this country.

9. *Resolved*, That the expenditures of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall and adjacent grounds, by the Committee of this Synod having the same in charge, shall not in any case exceed the amount of funds actually collected.

VI. *Preaching by Students of Theology.* The South Classis of Long Island have requested that General Synod will "adopt efficient measures to prevent the preaching of students before they are licensed." On this subject the Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That no student in our Theological Seminary be allowed to preach or lecture in any of our Churches or Congregations prior to his licensure by the Classis; it being understood that this resolu-

tion does not interfere with such exercises in the Seminary, or with such christian labors in prayer meetings or Sabbath Schools, or otherwise as may be useful, either to the student or to those in whose behalf he may labor. A violation of this rule shall be considered a disqualification for obtaining a professoral certificate for one year after the completion of the regular course of study in the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That the Professors in our Theological Seminary be requested to require the attendance of the Senior Class at lectures on Monday, the same as the other days of the week.

VII.—*Applications for Dispensations.*

1. Dr. Henry J. Brown requests a dispensation to allow him to appear before the Classis of Philadelphia to be examined for licensure to preach the Gospel; and also that he may be excused from a critical examination in the Hebrew and Greek languages.

Dr. Brown is a physician in full practice in the City of Philadelphia, in middle life, with a family, and so situated as to render the usual course of study in the Theological Seminary entirely out of the question. The committee have received such personal assurances of the theological attainments, piety, and preparation of the applicant for the ministry, together with the endorsement of the Classis of Philadelphia, that they recommend the Synod to grant his request.

2. The Classis of Westchester ask a dispensation in behalf of Mr. Alexander Watson, from the studies of Hebrew and Greek, that he may be examined by said Classis for licensure to preach the Gospel. Mr. Watson is represented to us as possessing an extensive and thorough knowledge of Theology, aptness to teach, and active piety, which have been fully tested during many years of successful labor in the Bible cause. He is a man in middle life, and has a family. The committee recommend that this request be granted.

3. The Classis of Holland asks dispensations in behalf of P. Zwema, Garret John Nykerk, and Johannes Van de Lyster, that shall empower the Classis at such time as seems judicious to it during the present year, to examine these brethren, with a view to licensure to preach the Word. These persons have families, are from thirty-five to thirty-eight years of age, and are now studying in the Holland Academy. One of them has been a most useful Elder in his Church for some years, and has been invited to become the Pastor of said Church, and inquiry has been made respecting a second by another Church. The committee, after full conference with the Delegates from the Classis of Holland, propose the following action:

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of Holland respecting Messrs. Zwema and Nykerk be granted; and that Mr. Van de Lyster be admitted to a similar examination, provided any Church in connection shall express a wish for his services as a Minister of the Gospel.

In each of the above cases the direction of Providence has seemed so marked as to leave no choice to the committee. It is surely an in-

teresting feature in the prospects of the Ministry that men of family and property, in middle life, and in active secular duties, are compelled to say, "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel." May it not be that God will thus largely reinforce the ranks of his Ambassadors, by calling one from his plough, another from his merchandise, and not a few from learned and scientific professions? But while the duty has seemed clear in these very peculiar cases, your committee would enter their earnest protest against lowering the standard of ministerial preparation. A learned and able ministry is essential, and the Reformed Dutch Church must always maintain that high position on this subject which has ever distinguished her character and history.

Application has also been made for a dispensation from the rule requiring a College Diploma, to allow Mr. Henry W. F. Jones, of the Classis of New Brunswick, to enter the Theological Seminary. As Mr. Jones' education has been quite equivalent to the ordinary Collegiate course, we recommend that this request be complied with.

The Classis of Cayuga recommends Julius Geyer for aid in preparation for the Ministry. Similar applications are made by the Classis of Illinois, for W. H. Van Vleet, and by the Classis of Wisconsin, for J. Baay.

The following young men are recommended for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund: Thornton Van Vleet, by the South Classis of Long Island; Thomas S. Dusenberre, by the Classis of Paramus.

Resolved, That these recommendations be approved, provided that the usual requisitions in each case are complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions was preached on the evening of the second day of the session, by the Rev. William R. Gordon, D.D., from Rev. 2 : 1–5.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave respectfully to report, that a careful examination of the documents placed in their hands has satisfied their minds that the affairs of this Board are wisely and energetically managed. No body of men that General Synod could select, we are persuaded, could dispense the charities of the Church with more economy or impartiality in every section of the home field, or operate with greater efficiency with the means possessed for the extension of our Redeemer's kingdom. Under the prevailing spirit that evidently governs the Board—namely, not of seeking their own, but Christ's; not simply of building up our denomination, but of extending salvation to the needy—we are assured that the piety of our Church is experiencing a gradual and healthy development. A retrospect of its history for the last ten years, and a comparison of its early plans and efforts with its present enlarged operations, afford cheering evidence of steady progress in the grace of giving among our people, and gratifying memorials in the records of independent and flourishing congregations established through its agency that it has not labored in vain. Although in times past our denomination has not accomplished all that it ought to have done, and with ease might have done, yet it is a hopeful sign for the future prosperity and usefulness of our beloved Zion that it is becoming more perceptibly awake every succeeding year to the claims of the destitute and perishing to its sympathies and liberality. The entire amount of its benevolent offerings is not comprised in the Annual Reports of our respective Boards; for large sums are cast into the treasuries of those national institutions which are the glory of our age, of which this ecclesiastical body takes no review. The bulk of our churches, too, are giving with commendable generosity, and a few of our members, even to the sacrifice of their domestic comforts, to this noble cause—a fact which, in justice to these brethren, ought to be distinctly and publicly noted. Yet it is a matter of deep

egret that there are one hundred and forty congregations, and some f these abundantly able to give, who have not taken up one collection or this object within the year. To the apathy and delinquency of hese Churches we are compelled to attribute all the embarrassments f this Board in financial matters; for if they had contributed in a relative proportion with their brethren, we should not have been told that t has been obliged to borrow $6,575 from banks and individuals, to neet its engagements, to pay $226 10 for interest on temporary loans, nd to go on with a debt of $2,850 hanging like an incubus on its exertions. No words that we can use can express the earnestness with which we would appeal to them to assume their share of these burdens nd responsibilities, and beg of them to take up one collection without ail within the present year, for our self-denying missionaries. Some f Christ's ministers in the home field have been deprived of the necessaries of life, and almost forced to abandon their posts, on account of he privations endured by their families. The relief that these congregations can and might afford, we are confident, will be acknowledged y the Master in the last day. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto ne of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." The ense of accountability to God for the influence which the pastors of hese congregations wield over the minds of their charges, we trust, will induce them to lay this subject in all its bearings before their people without delay, and to plead, as under the eye and in the presence of the Redeemer, with them, as the stewards of God, to give to this bject, so vital to the triumph of Christianity in our own land, according to their ability, and as the Lord has prospered them. And the ame motive should stir up the Consistories of these congregations, hould they be without pastors, to avail themselves of the first opportunity, when their pulpit is supplied by a minister of the Gospel, to present the claims of the neglected multitudes who are perishing in our country, through the lack of the ordinances of God's house, and the are of spiritual shepherds to seek out the lost and straying. From this sacred obligation we believe that not one of these congregations can be excused. Even the feeble pensioners on the bounty of the Board are required by its rules, as one of the conditions of receiving its aid, to cultivate the habit of giving to the Lord by taking up a collection for its treasury. Surely, then, other and stronger congregations ought to afford the privilege to their members to give something, be it more or less, for the evangelization of our own countrymen. Something all can give, for the Lord annually grants the means, by renewing the bounties of his Providence; and one collection each year is all that we ask. Let each congregation move as a unit comprised in the above aggregate, and a pleasing change will come over the aspect of our internal affairs. Blessings rich and new, from the Father of mercies, will gladden and refresh these portions of our denomination, rewarding them for their sacrifices an hundredfold.

Another painful feature in the Report of this Board is a falling off

of receipts, to the amount of $2,218 01, as compared with the contributions from the churches last year. To the old contributors of the Board we would say, let it be your aim always to equal the efforts of the past, or else the calculations of the Board which are made on this basis must fail, and embarrassment be perpetuated. Had only this mark been reached, this Board would now have been free from debt. The deficiency of a few dollars on the part of each congregation falling below the standard has produced this mischief, throwing a vast burden of gloom, perplexity, and discouragement on the minds of the brethern to whom the supervision of this work is intrusted. To the old and tried friends of the Board we would suggest, not only to take up the collection at the appointed time, but to bring in the full quota of supplies, "the sinews of war." But "*Progress*" is the watchword of our age and country. It characterizes both the State and the Church. It stands out prominently in the plans and results of all American institutions of benevolence. The wealth of our denomination is augmenting with that of the nation. Our people are becoming richer year by year. We should not rest satisfied with old measures of charity, but we should press on to new and loftier degrees in the consecration of property to God. The only safeguard against the corrupting power of our abounding prosperity is to check the spirit of covetousness by growing liberality, and to extinguish selfishness in love to a dying world. As a Church, we have a vast distance to traverse before we attain to that deadness to the world and the things of the world evinced by the martyrs and confessors of Holland in the Reformation, who counted not their lives dear unto them, and rejoiced in the loss of their goods, for Christ's sake. And we have much, very much, of the sanctifying power of a Saviour's love to learn before we shall feel the burning zeal of the primitive saints who laid all their possessions at the Apostles' feet. O let us, the favored Christians of America, not be behind the impoverished and persecuted servants of God in those perilous times, and oppressed lands, in these expressions of our attachment to our dear Redeemer!

But the history of this Board is not all dark, for while as a Church we have incurred the reproach of the omission of these good works, the blessings of a covenant-keeping God have illumined its path, and the bow of promise spans its future. The Lord is alluring us to the cultivation of this field by rewarding the labors of a few husbandmen with a large harvest. Five hundred and twenty-six persons have been added to the churches aided on confession of their faith, and three hundred and twenty-two have been added by certificate from other churches. Placed in the balance against these precious souls, how worthless are all the donations to this treasury! Besides, the present year must be regarded as an era in the annals of our Church, as well as of the Board, because it dates the organization of the Particular Synod of Chicago. The Providence of God points to the Great West as the territory where our denomination is to seek its chief expansion,

and where it may employ its resources without limit in planting missionaries and founding churches. The lapse of a single generation, we doubt not, will place that Synod side by side with those of Albany and New York in numbers and usefulness. And the settled policy of the Board to establish new enterprises in destitute neighborhoods, instead of multiplying feeble congregations in old settlements, well supplied with the preached gospel, must meet the cordial approbation of every member of our Church who can rise above the feelings of a narrow sectarianism. The intelligence that thirty churches of emigrant Hollanders, distinguished for their pure faith and fervent piety, have attached themselves to our communion, must diffuse joy through all hearts. Equally gratifying is the fact that thirty churches have been gathered among the foreign Germans, who are served by converted ministers in their native tongue, and furnish a nucleus of means for spreading vital piety among thousands of their countrymen in this land. It is mournful to think to what an extent this class of our population, computed by some at three millions of souls, are exposed to the wildfire of fanaticism, on the one hand, and to the death-chill of formalism, on the other. The Church of Holland commissioned and supported devoted missionaries who labored among the Germans of the United States before the American Revolution. The moral wants of that portion of our fellow-citizens appeal loudly to our Church at this day to provide them with a ministry who shall teach them the unadulterated doctrines of the Reformation, together with the necessity of the new birth and experimental religion. Happily this door stands wide open, and whensoever we will we may do them good. Our plans in respect to them should look forward to the endowment of an academy where pious German youth may receive their preparatory training, with views as broad and comprehensive as those entertained concerning the Hollanders in this country. Great discrimination must be exercised in the employment of clergymen of foreign birth and training, for the great majority of them do not preach the Gospel as it is proclaimed in our pulpits. If this element is to amalgamate with our denomination, and to become one with us in sentiment and action, we must train up the pastors that are to serve them in our school of the prophets. Otherwise, after years of labor and the expenditure of large sums of money, our Church may be disappointed to find them becoming restive or rebellious under rules of order and government, or tainted with rationalism or formalism, the evils of German Protestantism.

The thorough training of the baptized youth of our Church in the catechisms approved by General Synod we rank among the foremost duties of all the missionaries of this Board, in reference to which we desire that special attention should be given in its instructions to all the ministers who are dependent on its aid, and a report required, in writing, on this head at least once every year. In the chaotic state of religious opinions in the West, and in the multiplication of errors outside of our communion in the East, we perceive the necessity to

display a banner for the truth, on entering any new community, and strengthening the bulwarks, if the walls of the citadel are to withstand the repeated assaults of heresiarchs. Our young people must be taught to regard the peculiarities of the Reformed Dutch Church with an intelligent love, if a generation is to be brought on the stage of action who shall perpetuate the doctrines of the cross with a life-giving power. In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to present the following preamble and resolutions for adoption:

Whereas, this Synod has heard with pain that there are so many congregations within our bounds who have not made any contribution during the past year to the Board of Domestic Missions, and that its finances, after so many appeals, are still in a state of embarrassment; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be directed, at his earliest convenience, to communicate to the pastors and Consistories of these several churches the regret of this body that they have not exhibited a willingness to bear their part of the burdens and the pleasures of supporting our domestic missionaries, and urge them to place this object among their annual collections, and to cherish it as its importance demands.

2. *Resolved*, That the delegates representing the several Classes on the floor of this Synod be requested to bring before their respective Classes, at their next regular session, the views and feelings of this Synod, call their attention to the action of the last Synod on this subject, and endeavor to obtain such action as shall secure a collection from each church within their bounds.

3. *Resolved*, That each congregation be earnestly and affectionately requested to take up one collection at least, within the present year, for this object.

4. *Resolved*, That this Board be recommended to refuse every new application for aid, or to terminate every existing grant to those "who look for help when they should not."

5. *Resolved*, That this Board be authorized, as soon as its funds permit, to appoint an itinerant Missionary Agent, to labor within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Chicago, in order to foster feeble churches to their establishment, and to gather new congregations; said missionary to be under the joint direction of the Particular Synod of Chicago and the Board of Domestic Missions, and to be paid a sufficient salary and his traveling expenses, by the Board of Domestic Missions.

6. *Resolved*, That the Board be directed to employ the Board of Publication to issue, under the supervision of the Stated Clerk, thirty thousand copies of the sermon preached on its behalf before this Synod by Rev. Wm. R. Gordon D.D., at an expense not exceeding 1½ cents per copy, and that the Stated Clerk provide each of the pastors of our churches with a sufficient number of said copies to supply each family of his charge; and further, that the Stated Clerk direct the special at-

tention of said pastors to said sermon, with the request that every family may be supplied with a copy, immediately preceding the taking of a collection in aid of Domestic Missions, or at such other time as the several pastors may consider proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MESICK, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were appointed: Rev. Robert P. Lee, D.D., William R. Gordon, D.D., A. P. Van Giesen, and Messrs. Frederic T. Frelinghuysen, William B. Crosby, Samuel Sloan, John I. Brower, and Francis Wynkoop.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A report was received from the Board of Foreign Missions, in relation to the probable expense which would be incurred by an independent Foreign Missionary Establishment, prepared agreeably to the direction of the last General Synod, (p. 116,) which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Accompanying the report of the Board of Foreign Missions was a memorial from the Amoy Mission, in relation to Church and Classical Organization, together with certain other papers, which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Annual Sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., from Jeremiah 6 : 16.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

THE Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report:

I. On the State of our Missions.

This is in most respects eminently satisfactory. 1. The three brethren at AMOY are continuing to gather the rich harvest with which God has rewarded the toils of former years. The outpouring of the Spirit upon

their field is most marked and gratifying. The seventy-two converts added in 1855 did not exhaust the blessing, for we find that during the first nine months of the succeeding year, fifty more were received into the communion of the Church. Nor were these hasty additions, for the method of examination and trial used by the missionary brethren is shown to be as rigid and cautious as could well be devised.

The Mission has been graciously preserved in health and strength during the past year, but they are sadly overtaxed. The success which has attended them imposes more labor than they are well able to perform, and their cry becomes more and more urgent for additional helpers. A prompt answer to this cry is the more desirable, in order that younger brethren may enjoy the full benefit of the ripe experience and judgment of the senior missionaries, especially of him who has now been twenty-one years engaged in the work. It is high time that some efficacious means should be used to secure a strong reinforcement to this "model Mission," as it has been called.

2. The Mission of ARCOT, constituting, with its five churches, the Classis of the same name, is represented in this body by a delegate bearing the honored name of its founder, Dr. John Scudder. From him we have recent intelligence that the work continues to prosper, and that, as was said in the Report of last year, "There is nothing to limit the enlargement of their Mission but the want of means and the want of men." Their field lies amidst a country population, on the great thoroughfare from Madras, (which is ninety miles distant,) and is pierced by the first commenced of the railroads now in course of construction in India. The statistics of the Mission are as follows:

Vellore.—Rev. H. M. Scudder, M. D., and wife, and Miss L. Scudder and one native helper, three schoolmasters, one colporteur, 42 communicants.

Chittoor.—Rev. E. C. Scudder and wife, one native helper, two schoolmasters, one colporteur, 40 communicants.

Aruce.—Rev. J. W. Scudder and wife, two native helpers, one schoolmaster, one colporteur, eight communicants.

Arcot.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, one native helper, one schoolmaster, one colporteur, nine communicants; a native pastor about to be ordained and installed over this Church.

Coonoor.—Rev. Jos. Scudder and wife, one schoolmaster, 20 communicants.

The brethren have been much engaged in preaching tours, which have brought them in close contact with large masses of men, while they have also performed regular pastoral duties in their respective charges. They have given attention to the preparation of a series of tracts suitable to their field. Their schools are strictly parochial—being established for the children and youth of their Christian congregations. Appropriations have been made for the erection of several places for public worship, one of which, at Vellore, has already been dedicated.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That devout and earnest thanks are due to the Head of the Church for his favor to our missionary brethren, in preserving their lives and health, and especially in giving such abundant success to their labors.

2. That we hail with joy the presence among us of the Rev. W. W. Scudder, beloved for his own and his father's sake, and pray that his visit may be the means of awakening a deeper interest in the missionary cause in our churches.

3. That the Corresponding Secretary of our Board be requested to present the claims of the foreign field to the students of our Seminary as often during each year as he may find it convenient.

II. Funds and Agencies.

From the Treasurer's Report it appears that the receipts for the last year were $12,303 99, being an increase of $139 95 upon those of the year before. But a much larger increase is needed immediately. The appropriations for this year are: for the Arcot Mission, $14.000, and for Amoy about $5000, making a total of $19,000, being nearly double the amount required for the last year. This enlarged expenditure is due in part to the erection of buildings, which of course will not require to be speedily renewed; but it arises also from the increased number of our missionaries, and in either view should be regarded, not with distrust or alarm, but with gratitude and joy, as indicating how greatly the Divine blessing has rested upon our brethren's labors. Still the increase of appropriations calls for prompt and vigorous measures to increase the receipts into the treasury, else there will be embarrassment and trouble. As these receipts have been stationary for several years, while the churches have been growing in numbers and wealth, it is manifest that all that is necessary to obtain the requisite enlargement, is to bring the claims of the cause more generally and directly home to the hearts of our people, so that every member of our congregations shall have a personal summons addressed to him or her for a yearly contribution. The Board have suggested a system of Classical exchanges as best adapted to reach this end. The Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1.—That the increased expenditure in our Missions, caused by the signal blessing of God upon their work, calls loudly for more generous contributions from our people.

Resolved, 2.—That the Classes be requested to take such order as will secure the due presentation of this cause to every church within our bounds during the present ecclesiastical year.

III. The Memorial of the Amoy Mission.

Among the papers submitted to the Synod is an elaborate document from the brethren at Amoy, giving the history of their work there, of

its gradual progress, of their intimate connection with missionaries from other bodies, of the formation of the church now existing there, and expressing their views as to the propriety and feasibility of forming a Classis at that station. In reply to so much of this paper as respects the establishment of individual churches, we must say that while we appreciate the peculiar circumstances of our brethren, and sympathize with their perplexities, yet it has always been considered a matter of course that ministers, receiving their commission through our Church, and sent forth under the auspices of our Board, would, when they formed converts from the heathen into an ecclesiastical body, mould the organization into a form approaching, as nearly as possible, that of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Churches in our own land. Seeing that the converted heathen, when associated together, must have some form of government, and seeing that our form is, in our view, entirely consistent with, if not required by the Scriptures, we expect that it will in all cases be adopted by our missionaries, subject, of course, to such modifications as their peculiar circumstances may for the time render necessary. The converts at Amoy, as at Arcot and elsewhere, are to be regarded as "an integral part of our Church," and as such are entitled to all the rights and privileges which we possess.

And so in regard to the formation of a Classis. The Church at home will undoubtedly expect the brethren to associate themselves into a regular ecclesiastical organization, just as soon as enough materials are obtained to warrant such measure, with the hope that it will be permanent. We do not desire churches to be prematurely formed in order to get materials for a Classis, nor any other exercise of violent haste, but we equally deprecate unnecessary delay, believing that a regular organization will be alike useful to our brethren themselves and to those who, under them, are in training for the first office bearers in the Christian Church on heathen ground. As to the difficulties suggested in the memorial, respecting the different Particular Synods to which the brethren belong, and the delays of carrying out a system of appellate jurisdiction covering America and China, it is enough to say:—1. That the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) finds no insuperable difficulties in carrying into operation her system, which comprehends Presbyteries and Synods in India as well as here; and, 2. That whatever hindrances may at any time arise, this body will, in humble reliance upon the Divine aid and blessing, undertake to meet and remove them as far as possible. The Church at home assumes the entire responsibility of this matter, and only ask the brethren abroad to carry out the policy held steadily in view from the first moment when our Missions began.

The following resolutions are recommended:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod view with great pleasure the formation of churches among the converts from heathenism, organized according to the established usages of our branch of Zion.

2. That the brethren at Amoy be directed to apply to the Particular Synod of Albany to organize them into a Classis, so soon as they shall

have formed churches enough to render the permanency of such organization reasonably certain.

3. That the Stated Clerk be directed each year to furnish the brethren abroad with several copies of the Minutes of Synod, and of all other printed documents of the Session.

IV. An Independent Missionary Organization.

It appears that last year a very able Report, traversing this whole subject in all its parts, was, by the unanimous vote of our Board of Foreign Missions, submitted to the General Synod. The Synod's Committee reported favorably on the proposed change; but after discussion the whole question was postponed to this year, and now comes up for final action. The Report of our Board for 1857 does not retract their unanimous opinion given in 1856, but merely cites the language of one of the resolutions passed by the A. B. C. F. M. at Newark, in October last, which it says renders null the reason for separation founded upon the point of "ecclesiastical organization." But this point was "only incidental;" the weight of the question was placed upon other grounds. The action, therefore, of the American Board, last October, has not touched the essential elements of the case; these still exist in all their original integrity. They are thus given in the masterly Report of 1856: understood to be from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Ferris:

I. If, as a Church, we are to do anything effectually in the great work of Foreign Missions, we need a mode of action which shall bring the responsibility directly home to our people, and this an independent operation is most likely to secure.

II. We are able to conduct this department of Church work for ourselves, and should, therefore, undertake it.

III. The Church is ready for and desires a distinct and separate organization.

IV. It is regarded as not a small consideration, that such separate action on a prominent branch of Christian benevolence will complete the organizations which the great interests of the Church call for.

First.—*If, as a Church, we are to do anything effectually in the great work of Foreign Missions, we need a mode of action which shall bring the responsibility directly home to our people, and this an independent operation is most likely to secure.*

All Christians agree that to preach the gospel to every creature is an absolute duty,—made such by the highest authority in the Church,—its Head. The circumstances of time and place, when he uttered his charge, give special solemnity to this duty, while the blessings vouchsafed to the efforts to diffuse the proclamation of mercy show how pleasing it is in his sight. Each Christian individually, and each distinct ecclesiastical organization, has here a most important part to act, and each is bound to that mode of action which shall most certainly bring every energy to the work. It is a vast work, and the Christian

influence, and prayers, and charities of each are called for,—every heart should be awake, every right agency called in.

Now, it is believed to be true, in the prosecution of all interests, that the most effectual mode of calling out and bringing to bear the moral power of an individual, or a body of men, is the fastening responsibility on them directly, and as far as may be, personally. Individualizing the man or the body, bringing each to confront direct and positive claims, taxes the conscience and draws upon the Christian sympathies in a way that will call out the desirable response. When an object is remote, when business passes through second hands and distant hands, and responsibility is removed, our infirm nature is prone to fall into indifference, or will feel little. Others have charge of the active movements, others impel the car; the subsidiary agency is distant from all the points of conflict and difficulty, and hence will ordinarily be cold and listless, or a philosophical action may be kept up without power and vitality. The confirmation and illustration of this are seen in the history of all our charitable associations. The more direct the responsibility, the more decided and earnest will be the effort.

By the present arrangement in conducting Missions our place is simply subsidiary. Other counsels manage, other hands execute; responsibility for vigilance, and oversight, and prompt action is removed several stages from us. All means go to another treasury, and its disbursement calls out no care, scarce an inquiry. We assume it all to be right, and it is happy in the circumstances that it is and will be right, and we know no more. And then, if difficulties arise, they fall elsewhere. If there be deficiency, we do not feel it. There is a ready answer to all urgency: "O, if we do not furnish the means, others will," and thus a double injury results: the withholding of benefactions being the less, and the positive moral torpifying influence the greater.

It cannot be said our Church has done nothing. On the contrary, there has been a constant, if not a large stream, making its meandering way to the great reservoir. But to those who know her it is obvious she has done far less than her position and resources would lead us to look for. In short, far less than she ought to have done, and to be doing. About the time of the departure of the first missionary family there was a high degree of feeling, and the interest was widely diffused, and it may be a question whether to the impetus then given we are not indebted for what has since been done, only occasional circumstances having come in to keep up the momentum. Such is the constitutional characteristic of our people, that having begun an undertaking, they pursue it, as a habit, even though the interest taken be not lively—a capital trait to rely on, but one which should be improved for the accomplishment of the highest results.

At present, where is there animation and energy in the good cause? Does this Board possess either? Is not the Board very much a cypher, and made such by its position? What is the meaning of the fact that it has held one meeting a year? Has it not been felt that we have

nothing to do? Of what worth can such a body be? And what feeling pervades the Church? Is it the quickened feeling of a high sense of responsibility? Do the hearts of our people warm towards the great subject as their own? Does it not seem as if the prevalent feeling was, that the interest of the affair lies over East, beyond the boundary of our own State, and only concerned our people secondarily?

If this is so, we need a change in our mode of action, such a change as will bring close before our mental view and very near our hearts the necessities which call for Christian help. We need an operation which shall lay responsibility upon every conscience directly, which shall draw hard, and constantly, and largely on our piety—something which shall waken all to the Lord's work among the perishing, whose cry may come to the heart fresh through as few mediums as possible.

It is believed that a distinct and separate conduct of Foreign Missions will tend much to secure this end. It cannot be said that this will be unfailing, for there will be, doubtless, always, while Christians are what they are, drones in the Christian hive; but the claim set up is—this will be the most hopeful means of attaining what we desire. Under it we may hope to see portions of the Church, now inactive, become earnest, and those which have settled down into a supine state awaken to new life, as they would be made to feel that the whole weight of our missionary work was on them.

SECONDLY.—*We are able to conduct this department of Church work for ourselves, and should, therefore, undertake it.*

It is a grave question whether moral responsibility can be transferred from oneself to others without culpability. Certain it is, it cannot occur where there is full ability and abundant opportunity to do one's work. Each man must answer directly for any failure to meet the Divine requirement. What is positively required must be as positively met. If there be inability or insufficient opportunities these may be pleaded in bar of judgment, but then the evidence must be adequate to the plea.

In the work of which we speak, neither of these can be urged, and our duty remains; the claims are urgent and inalienable.

The proper inquiry is, what is the ability needed in the independent management of Foreign Missions? Two things are embraced, we would reply: the pecuniary resources to be expended, and the men of intellect, integrity, and sound judgment to take the oversight.

That we have the former is manifest from the history of the past. Let us suppose that there is merely a transfer of the Missions where our brethren are engaged to our immediate care,—have not the means necessary for their support been realized from our Churches? If our people only do as they have done will there be any fear of failure? From the Annual Reports of the Treasurers of our Board since 1832, it appears that $203,916 56 have been contributed, which, after deducting a comparatively small sum for the occasional agencies of our commissioned or returned missionaries, and incidental expenses, (say

not exceeding $5000,) in the twenty-four years, have gone into the treasury of the American Board. On the other hand, the American Board, as appears from the Annual Reports, has expended on our Missions and missionary brethren $131,367 44, to which may be probably added some $10,000 for sums appropriated to Dr. Abeel and Dr. Scudder, which have not been presented separately, but are included in aggregates of the Missions where they were. Here, then, we see that not only has the Church furnished what was necessary for her own sons, but aided in a considerable sum in the blessed work of making other hearts glad.

No special urgency has been applied in what has been accomplished; and may we not conclude that what has been done can be done? The Church's means have not been exhausted. On the lowest supposition which we can make, if no more effort is put forth, and no greater ability is enjoyed, and our Missions remain the same in point of number and expensiveness, we should fear no saddening issue.

But who of us for a moment believes that the pecuniary ability of the Church does not warrant the fair hope of much more under a proper influence? God has highly blessed our people with the good things of this world. A full cup—eminent prosperity has been theirs. The Church, besides, has grown and expanded very decidedly within twenty-five years. In 1829 the Stated Clerk of General Synod gave a list of our ministers as numbering 149, when our churches also were 184. In 1855 he publishes, in the Minutes of General Synod, that there are 348 ministers and 364 churches—a noticeable increase. With this expansion there has been proportionate growth of strength. It would be ungrateful to our benign Benefactor to deny, with this before us, that much more might be accomplished, if we had the proper spirit. Our Missions might be multiplied, new fields might be occupied, and all requisite support would be furnished.

It should not be forgotten that quite a large proportion of our churches have done very little or nothing for our Foreign Missions, while none have exercised self-denial in what they have given. It is reasonable to believe that many now and heretofore inactive, under a more direct action will come up to this work, and thus we may fairly calculate on having new channels of beneficence opened.

It is true, under an independent organization there would be additional expenditure incurred; but this, including every form of expense, would not be large—certainly not exceeding two thousand dollars, (and this is an outside estimate,) which would be more than made up by the new resources which would be secured. It should be remembered in this connection that much service is constantly rendered simply from love for the cause of religion. The members of our Boards, (among them men of active business, whose time is very valuable,) the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, receive no pecuniary compensation. What would be requisite, then, would be incidental to the collection and transmission of money. If more should

be required through the occupancy of new fields, the Providence which opened the door would furnish the means.

As to the *second* requisite—our having men of intellect, integrity, and judgment to manage missionary matters—we think there can be no doubt. The Foreign Missionary work has peculiarities, and these must be fully understood in order to be provided for, but the same class of mind which elsewhere does the work is found among ourselves. We are not aware that there is any evidence, in any enterprise of the Church conducted by our brethren, of any deficiency of executive or administrative talent. We think the position of our institutions and our general interests is sufficient to satisfy at least ourselves of what our brethren are adequate to perform.

High praise is to be accorded to the distinguished men who have been and are in charge of the operations of the American Board. We love and honor them—they are our friends and brethren. We are not to forget concerning them that actual contact with their special duties has fitted them for their work. And the same, we may hope, will be the case with our own brethren in the same circumstances.

In a new enterprise we must allow for some friction, but very soon every desirable adjustment will be secured. Certain it is that as we now are, our brethren will, in no cases, ever acquire that familiarity with the practical details of missionary management which will be called for, if hereafter, at any time, we are to go alone. No man among us supposes we shall always act through the present agency. Will we, then, act prematurely, if we take measures to bring about an organization to which we all look forward, and for which we shall need the qualifications which may be attained while our Missions are few, and compact, and well arranged? Let us allow that mistakes may be committed, so it occurs in all departments, for none are infallible; yet we have no reason to anticipate any which united councils may not correct or modify.

And then shall we be cut off from the benefit of the advice of our brethren in the missionary work in other denominations? Shall we, because of separate and distinct operations, be divorced from all the good offices of the brethren with whom we have so pleasantly and so long acted? We ought to have no fears here.

Such is the general acquaintance with the missionary work, we have read so much, heard so much, and seen so much of the movements around us, that we have confidence that we might look for the Divine blessing on our distinct efforts as a Church, and that every year would see the circle of duty becoming more and more a training school for securing higher results.

After this review we may ask, On what ground can we put away from us, as a Church, the obligation to preach the gospel directly to the perishing? Having all the ability, pecuniary, and intellectual, and pious, which is necessary, can we without culpability ask other persons to do our work? Will it not be a more serious reflection than to go

alone and not accomplish so much as the [illegible] takes in our first efforts?

The circumstances of our Church, twenty-four years ago, were such as to make the union then formed very desirable, and almost the only feasible mode of action. We have since been rapidly gaining strength and position. Our Church plans have been advanced to a higher point, and we are better fitted in every respect to go forward in every legitimate Church enterprise. Shall we not do it for our own sake, shall we not do it for the sake of truth and human good?

THIRDLY.—*The Church is ready for and desires the separate and distinct organization.* When the present arrangement was made, it had the warm and earnest interest of a large majority of the Church. Cases there were of brethren who were adverse, but they preferred to be silent and see the plan fully tried. They were willing, for the sake of the cause, that the friends of the Union should realize all that was practicable under it.

It was about four years after this when the subject of separation came up before the Synod, and it was referred to this Board to express its judgment in the premises. That was decidedly and strongly in favor of the continuance of the present plan, based especially on the consideration that we had so recently formed it, and hence could not pronounce on its efficiency; and also that we had sought it, and so soon to abandon it would reflect on us as a denomination.

In the progress of succeeding years the feeling has gained strength that the Church should do her own work; that it was derogatory to throw into other hands, and those of strangers, the oversight and care of our sons. This, from all we can gather, seems to be the prevailing sentiment. It is true that no ecclesiastical action has given form to the views entertained, yet there have been frequent conferences of brethren in which this has been expressed. Among those who desire the independent form of action, are some of our best and most influential men, and those who have not withheld their hand from effort.

It is proper to say that the reasons given vary. But by far the larger number take the broad and high Christian ground, that the Church as such can only be true to her duty to her Head, by doing her appointed work for herself, as he has blessed her with the means and opportunities.

It is not to be concealed that there is a growing disinclination for what have been called voluntary associations, and a tendency to ecclesiastical responsibility, and, where ministers are concerned, a marked conviction that their position should be decided, and controlled by ecclesiastical action, where they have the right of appeal, and not by committees.

But whatever the considerations which have moved the minds of our brethren, it is believed that there is an extensive readiness for separate action, and that the Church will come promptly and liberally to its maintenance.

FOURTHLY.—*It is regarded as not a small consideration, that such separate action on a great branch of Christian benevolence will complete the organizations which the great interests of the Church call for.*

It is conceded on all sides that we must take care of ourselves. If we have nothing to which we attach importance, nothing worth preserving in our principles and polity, then is there no call for solicitude or wakefulness or effort. But this is not the case, as all our efforts to meet various forms of want clearly show. The Church has felt that she must perpetuate her ministry, secure her own sons for her pastoral fields, while she would not close the door on others, and hence she has attended specially to her educational interests, and provided for the exigencies of such as need aid. She has ever been known for her solicitude for a well-trained ministry,—one trained in the truth; hence she has her School of the Prophets. Her feeling has deepened in behalf of her own children and the strangers from other lands, and especially from the fatherland, diffused over a vastly extended country; hence she has her Domestic Missionary Board. She has a sympathy for her disabled or poorly sustained ministry, and the families of her deceased sons; accordingly she has her Sustentation and Widows' Funds. She has more recently, in her highest judicatory, with entire unanimity decided that she would furnish her families with a sound Christian literature, and hence she instituted her Board of Publication. And now, to complete the circle of provision for great interests, she only needs her distinct operations for Foreign Missions.

If one of the fathers who fell asleep some thirty-five years or forty years ago should arise, how different a Church would he find in all the points of true Christian usefulness from that which he left, while everywhere he would hear the same truth and observe the same Church order maintained. And how cheering would he regard the prospect, as he saw on every side so many young men, and so many in the vigor of life, engaged in the Church's service! The mind cannot rest on the present attitude of our denomination as a tribe in the Christian Israel, without gratified feeling. Never before did we stand so strong, never so happily caparisoned for the work of the Master. We are a united Church; we have a noble band of men under the middle line of life, and others coming up well-trained and glowing with zeal, who will not be behind their brethren. We may well complete the group of agencies, that they may labor with better advantage, and carry on what the fathers have begun to a higher degree of success and usefulness.

If it should be asked whether, on the principles stated, we must have our organizations for distinct classes or descriptions of men, the reply would be, that provision should be made for these under those now enjoyed. There is no incongruity in having a domestic missionary for the Jews in our land, or a domestic chaplain for seamen in our ports, under the care of our Domestic Board, and the same under our Foreign Board for those abroad. And as to the department of Publication, there are not a few who believe, as they scan the signs of the

times, and note how the entering wedge of distracting discussion has been employed, that we may soon have stronger reasons for believing the organization of a Board of Publication most timely.

It may be said this whole view tends to make us exclusive, but this is not necessarily so. There is nothing to call out an unkind feeling towards others, nothing to interrupt the comities which should prevail among Christians. It does not follow that because a man keeps up good enclosures, and supplies himself with all desirable instrumentalities to do well the work of his own domain, therefore he is estranged from his neighbor, or must look coldly on his condition and progress, and cannot unite with him in working on the common highway. In maintaining distinctly all we regard important in doctrinal views and order, if our course is a right one, we shall cultivate more and more the Christian spirit, and we shall find much in which we shall co-operate, and may wish God speed to all right-minded, earnest men, though they bear not our commissions.

It may also be said, why separate when our relation is so happy, and so much harmony prevails? The reply is, if there be duty in the case or responsibility, such as has been affirmed, then, when there is such good feeling and harmony, is the time to make a required separation. It is a grievous reflection that many Churches grow out of bitter controversies and deeply seated enmities. This is far from being honorable to the piety of those concerned. Still, if they cannot live together, they had better live apart. But what blessing can be looked for where the seeds of strife are sown broadcast? There is something pleasant, something that accords with every principle of the gospel, for brethren who feel that they must have larger place, that they owe a better service to the Master and to man, to leave what may be called the home circle, with all its endearments, to enter upon a wider field. It is the young swarm going out from the parent hive, to carry on its honey-gathering labor under new auspices. There ought to be a state of kindness when such partings occur. We shall need each other's kind offices; we shall be called at times to work side by side for our Divine Lord.

So, again, it may be said we loose the benefit resulting from participation in so large a work as that of the American Board, and the opportunity of bringing to bear upon the hearts of our people those glorious results from time to time secured. We acknowledge this will be true in a degree; we acknowledge the advantage of being able to draw from the large and accumulating treasury of delightful and touching incidents gathered from a wide missionary field; we acknowledge there will be a loss felt by numbers who have mingled in the scenes of the great Annual Convocation, and listened to the Annual Report, a document more important than almost any annual state paper, and borne away the thrilling emotions and deep convictions of the importance of the missionary work which the occasion induced. But allowing all this, the question is, what does duty dictate? Is this not a case in which duty

calls for the self-denial involved? But, after all, the missionary work is one, however numerous its branches or departments. We shall still be sharers with our brethren in the joy of their success. All that is done by God's people of every name is ours. It is our privilege to cull from all fields whatever may minister to the interest of our people, whatever may arouse to duty and aid in the coming of the kingdom of our blessed Lord.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, considering the growth of our missions abroad, the duty of the Church, in her distinctive capacity, as such, to take charge of these missions, the growing sentiment among our people in favor of such a course, and the hopeful prospect that this action will tend to call out far more largely and promptly the resources of our denomination, we are satisfied that the time has come to dissolve the union with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and henceforth conduct our operations among the heathen through the exclusive agency of our own Board.

2. *Resolved*, That the intimate relation which has existed for a quarter of a century between the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church and the A. B. C. F. M., in the prosecution of this work, has confirmed our confidence in the wisdom, the integrity, and the catholic spirit of that great and noble institution; nor shall we ever cease to feel a lively interest in the growth of its operations and the success of its plans.

3. *Resolved*, That in dissolving the pleasant and useful connection we have maintained with the officers and members of that Board for the last twenty-five years, we are not influenced by any dissatisfaction with their modes of action, or any want of fidelity on their part to the terms of this connection.

4. *Resolved*, That we take pleasure in expressing to the A. B. C. F. M. our grateful sense of the benefits derived from their experience, foresight, and enlarged views, and of the uniform Christian kindness and courtesy which have marked their intercourse with our Board.

5. *Resolved*, That the Board of Foreign Missions, now composed of fifteen members, be increased to twenty-four, the additional members to be chosen by the Board itself; that they be and hereby are empowered to arrange with the A. B. C. F. M. the terms of an amicable separation, and to assume the management and control of the Missions in Arcot and Amoy; and that they be authorized and directed to employ all suitable means, such as the use of the press, the appointment of agents, the holding of missionary conventions, and the like, for the purpose of developing the power and exciting the interest of our churches in the great work of evangelizing the world.

6. *Resolved*, That every pastor be requested to preach, at least once in each year, on the subject of sending the Gospel to the heathen, dwelling particularly upon the character of the Church as the great missionary organization, upon the claims of our missions abroad for reinforce-

ment, and upon the duty and privilege of a more unreserved consecration of life and means to the advancement of God's cause throughout the world.

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., Alexander R. Thompson, Thomas M. Strong, D.D., and Messrs. Sanford Cobb and Jacob Brouwer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, D.D., was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon on the subject of Foreign Missions, and the Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D., *secundus;* the Rev. John Mason Ferris was chosen *primarius* to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, *secundus.*

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to print the report on Foreign Missions adopted by this body, and take measures to give it the widest possible circulation throughout the bounds of our Church.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed by the last General Synod, (p. 103,) to revise the plan for a Sustentation Fund, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund:

The Committee to whom the last General Synod referred the subject of the Sustentation Fund, respectfully report, that in their judgment the plan adopted by Synod will require for its successful execution a capital larger than from present appearances can be obtained from the Churches, and larger than can well be justified when the claims of the other Boards and their existing indebtedness are considered. They are of the opinion that only one feature of the plan should be retained, viz: that which contemplates some provision for destitute Ministers, disabled in the providence of God, and having claims upon no other of the Boards of the Church. Such cases should be certified by the Classis to which the person needing aid belongs; and of funds collected by annual contributions in the Churches such division should be made to each applicant as in the judgment of the Committee to whom the matter may be intrusted may be best; and they would re-

commend that the Trusteess of the Widows' Fund be such Committee. The collections from the Churches should be annually made for both these objects at the same time, and the congregation should be previously notified that, by written directions, they may give the whole or what part of their contributions they please to either Board; or the collections for each may be made separately. Should there at any time hereafter remain a surplus of the Sustentation Fund beyond what may be needed for the beneficiaries on that fund, it is recommended that it be carried over to the benefit of the Widows' Fund; yet such transfer shall be made only by special authority of the General Synod. The Committee who are the Trustees and Distributors of the Sustentation Fund, shall annually report all their receipts and disbursements to the General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. E. VERMILYE,
THOS. JEREMIAH,
J. S. LORD.

NEW YORK, *May* 5, 1857.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund beg leave to report:

We find the whole number of subscribers to this fund to be 67, of whom 13 were added last year. Nine have paid the $500 necessary to constitute them life members. There are 13 annuitants, 9 of them widows of deceased clergymen, and four of them ministers declared emeriti by their Classes.

The assets, subject to draft, are cash balance May 31, 1856, $346 54. Since received, interest on vested funds, $1,011 97. Subscriptions, $1,063 00. Sum total, $2,421 51. Debits paid Treasurer, $150 53; annuitants, $1,605 00; withdrawn, $80 00; withdrawn for purpose of transfer to life membership, $380 00; cash balance in hand, $205 98; sum total, $2,421 51.

The moneys for investment are cash balance May 31, 1856, $818 19; received on life memberships, $1,500; collected in the churches, $261 02; total, $2,579 21. There has been duly invested, $1,250, leaving a cash balance for investment of $1,329 21. The whole capital now secured on bond and mortgage is $15,900.

This fund has not received the effective co-operation of our churches which is absolutely necessary, if the important end it designs to sub-

serve is accomplished. The whole interest on the capital and the entire amount received from subscribers, except for life memberships, was last year paid to the annuitants; and yet for the last six months they received only $70, where they no doubt expected $100, the maximum half year annuity. Here not one cent is added to the capital from interests or current subscriptions. It is obvious that as the number of annuitants increases, while the number of subscriptions and amount of interest continue nearly the same, the annuity must be continually decreasing, or the capital itself absorbed.

Is the church ready to witness either of these results? Shall there be no effectual provision made for the widows and destitute families of our brethren, who are in the providence of God unblessed with this world's goods, and yet wear themselves out or die at their posts in the service of our divine Lord within our own denomination? Your Committee are aware that this branch of the church's operations is by some viewed not as a charity but a mere life insurance arrangement, in which the brethren who subscribe must calculate for themselves whether it is to prove to them and their families a profitable investment? We will not ask whether this is a kind view, but only whether it is correct? The annual subscription is $20; this is about one-third of the premium of a life insurance of $3,000 for a clergyman at the age of 35 years, which is a fair average for the calculation. And yet after paying this $60 per annum his widow would receive a sum affording a revenue of only $210, which, notwithstanding the large excess of outlay, is only $10 above what this fund designs to secure to her. Take another view; an annual payment of $20 at 6 ⅌ ct. compound interest for fifteen years, which is a large average for length of payment, would amount to about $500; yet this small capital, which at 7 ⅌ ct. would yield only $35 per annum, when placed in this fund yields $200 per annum. And the same thing is true of $500 given at any one time. Now, when we consider that those who subscribe with the design of securing to their families some small support at least in case of their removal, are those who can ill afford to pay even $20 annually, ought not the church to encourage and effectively aid their commendable efforts? And shall not such effective aid be considered in the line of benevolent action? Your Committee think there ought not to be two opinions upon this matter.

There are two objects to be kept in view in the due administration of this fund. The first is the prompt payment of all the state of the fund will warrant to actual annuitants. This department seems to be well attended to, and it is only to be regretted that the annuity falls below the maximum amount, which surely is small enough in these days of high prices. The second is the enlargement of the capital itself. The Board of Direction say in their report: "Measures for the more rapid increase of this important fund have a just claim on the attention of Synod." Your Committee earnestly second their remark. The holy object for which this fund was instituted must eventually fail

of accomplishment, if this fund itself is not enlarged. How shall it be done? Your Committee respectfully suggest the following:

First, by carefully investing the whole amount in the hands of the Board. The uninvested capital in 1854 was $991 93; in 1855 the same amount remained uninvested, and the capital meantime had not increased by a single cent. In 1856 the uninvested capital was $818 19, and the present year it is $1,329 21, besides a cash balance, which seems to be subject to draft, of $205 98.

Secondly, by calling the attention of our wealthy and charitable members to the subject of bequests in behalf of this fund. Let those whom God's providence has favored with abundance to make their families comfortable as to this world's goods, express their gratitude by bequeathing $500 or $1,000 to this fund, which will gladden one or two families of God's faithful poor when they are in their graves. And if any person feels an inclination to perform so charitable a deed, now let him indulge himself, and taste the sweetness of it while he lives.

Thirdly, by asking every church in our denomination capable of doing it, (and the large majority of them are,) to add $20 to their annual current expenses, and direct their treasurer to forward this sum annually to the Treasurer of the Board of Direction, by a standing rule of the Consistory; the church so contributing having the right to the maximum annuity for the family of a minister deceasing in their service, or declared emeritus by the Classis.

Fourthly, by again urging, with increased earnestness, all our pastors to subscribe to this fund, and then leave the amounts paid by them as sacredly devoted to this object. Any considerable increase of the number of subscribers would render this a reliable and permanent institution, and if these pastors or their families are so happy as never to need the annuity to which they are entitled, it will secure unknown comforts to a multitude of worthy recipients among the widows and orphan children of our laborious clergy.

Your Committee would report the following resolution:

Resolved, That at the coming fall session of the Classes the President be requested to ask distinctly what has been done in the churches in behalf of destitute families of deceased ministers, and particularly what churches are willing to adopt the third suggestion of this report.

Your Committee have had placed in their hands the report of a Committee, consisting of Dr. Vermilye, Rev. J. S. Lord, and Elder Thos. Jeremiah, appointed by the last General Synod "to revise the plan for a Sustentation Fund, adopted Oct., 1855."

That Committee report no real modification of the plan, except that any surplus funds should by special authority of General Synod be carried over to the benefit of the Widows' Fund; but this would interfere with the rights, and perhaps very designs, of donors to the Sustentation Fund.

Your Committee believe that, while the design itself is noble, all the

leading features of the plan are good and adapted to their end, and only wish they were more thoroughly tested by use.

We would, however, suggest the following emendations:

Resolved, That the last clause in both the second and sixth sections of the "Plan of the Sustentation Fund" be rescinded.

Resolved, That annual disbursements be made from the contributions received during the current year, and from interests on vested funds; and that any sums thus accumulated and remaining unappropriated at the end of each year, be vested as provided by the third section of the *Plan*, together with all such donations and bequests as are designed to found a permanent capital.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANSON DU BOIS, *Chairman Com.*

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Third Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

One hundred copies each of eight Tracts lately issued by the Board of Publication, and one hundred copies of "A Pastor's Hints to his People," issued during the year 1855, were received from the Board of Publication, and distributed among the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to each Consistory of our Church to procure all the publications of our Board of Publication already issued, and hereafter to be issued, to be placed in the Pastor's library of each church, and to remain there as the property of the church.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., David D. Demarest, and Messrs. Peter S. Danforth, James Demarest, Ten Eyck Sutphen, George B. Brinkerhoff, and Abraham J. Beekman.

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication respectfully report: That it is with much satifaction they have examined the various matters embraced in the report submitted to this Synod by your Board of Publication.

In the judgment of your Committee, the Board deserve the warmest thanks of the Synod for the unwearied attention to the important work assigned them. For their judicious and economical management of the finances, and for the great number of excellent works which they have already published in the English, German, Holland and French languages; and we hope that before long a more suitable compensation may be afforded to your deserving Agent for his faithful labors.

So far as we have been enabled to examine the publications issued by the Board, and from the known reputation of such as we have not been able to examine, we believe them to be such as meet the views and designs of the Synod in originating and establishing this branch of benevolence, and such as they can fully adopt and confidently recommend to all our people, and all other evangelical churches, as being well adapted, with the Divine blessing, to lead men to the saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, to awaken the careless, to direct inquiring souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, to edify and establish believers, to engage their hearts and lives in the delightful service of the Lord, to teach them how to become ashamed of sin, the end of which is death, how to be made free from the guilt and power of sin, and be led to that holiness which becometh the house of the Lord forever, and without which no man shall see the Lord.

The proper limits of a report will not permit us particularly to notice the numerous and valuable books and tracts already published by your Board, which we would take pleasure in recommending. We hope they may have a very extensive circulation, and be the means of accomplishing much good, and that the Board will be encouraged by all our Churches in their laborious and benevolent work.

An important item in the report is the communication of Mr. Samuel B. Schieffelin, containing the very liberal offer of $4,000 on certain conditions therein expressed, with a view to enable the Board to publish a series of Christian School Books for the use of Schools and Academies, which they are making arrangements to accomplish: we hope the liberal projector of this plan, to promote Christian education in our Schools and families, will be richly rewarded by the good results of its accomplishment.

Reference is made in the report of your Board to the monthly paper called THE SOWER, and we find in the statement of the report that the expense of its publication has exceeded the income more than $500. It also states that the recommendation of the last General Synod to the five Boards of the Church, who had all been benefited by the circulation of this paper, to make up this deficiency, has not been complied with by any of them except the Board of Domestic Missions, who offered their proportion, with the understanding that all would contribute their respective parts. Hence the deficie

unprovided for, and we regret to learn from the report that it therefore becomes necessary, as the only remedy, to increase the price of the paper; fearing that this may prove injurious, and prevent in a measure an extensive circulation of the paper, we hope, if possible, that some plan may be devised by which this necessity may be obviated. If this cannot be done at present, we hope subscribers will be found willing to pay at least sufficient to defray the actual cost of this truly valuable paper, until better arrangements can be made.

The report, accompanied with the account of the Treasurer, contains a particular statement of the financial operations of the Board, from which we learn that they have now an amount of stock on hand

valued at	$7,115 36
Their liabilities are	713 19
Leaving a balance in favor of the Board of	6,402 17
Which is an increase for 1857 over the amount for 1856, at the same rate of valuation, of	5,353 64

From the details of the report, we believe the Synod have abundant reason to be satisfied with the economy of the Board in their financial operations.

We regret to see that so few Churches, only 88 out of 380, have as yet contributed anything to the funds of this Institution of the Church, and of this number only 15 yearly, but hope that we shall soon see a far better state of things in this respect. We believe that all our Churches will be willing to give their assistance, when the matter shall be properly brought to their notice.

We are also pleased to learn from the report that some good has been done by the employment of Colporteurs during a part of the past year, and your committee believe that much may be affected by this means, if suitable men can be obtained for this work. We hope the Synod will encourage the Board to continue their attention to this very important department of their operations.

In the report of your Board notice is given that a request will be presented to the Synod at its present session, by your Sabbath School Board, for leave to transfer to the Board of Publication all their stereotype plates and stock in trade, at a fair and equitable valuation, so that the Board of Publication may have the entire and exclusive control of all the publications of the Church. The Board of Publication concur in this arrangement, in view of important benefits which they believe will result to both Boards. In consideration of this request being mutual, and for the reasons contained in the report, your committee would recommend that their request be granted.

In reference to the above matters, as contained in the report of your Board, thus briefly referred to, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the operations of the Board of Publication meet the approbation of this Synod, as accomplishing the great end and purpose of its organization.

2. *Resolved*, That this benevolent work, so important to aid the Ministry in diffusing the light of Gospel truth through their congregations, should induce every Minister and Consistory, so far as practicable, to spread the different publications of the Board, and especially their valuable and interesting Tracts, and their monthly paper, THE SOWER.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod regard the system of Colportage as a valuable auxiliary in spreading a sound Christian literature for the edification of the church, while it affords an excellent school of training, especially for the students of our Theological Seminary, to whose attention we commend this work.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod deeply deplore the apathy hitherto manifested by the most of our churches, and express their warmest thanks to those benevolent individuals of the Board and others by whose liberal contributions, loans, and gratuitous labors the Board have been chiefly sustained in their operations.

5. *Resolved*, That this important institution of our church be affectionately commended again to the serious consideration of all the Classes, and that they be solicited to devise some plan by which they may best secure the attention of their people to this department of Christian benevolence, and contributions of funds for its more efficient management.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC D. COLE,

Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to have the Minutes of the Synod, from year 1771 to 1794, translated at the expense of this body, and then to publish them in a convenient form in connection with the Minutes in English, down to the year 1812, when the Synod commenced to hold annual sessions.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to publish a Tract upon the subject of Systematic Beneficence, and that they take measures to have the same, when published, circulated throughout the churches.

Also, that they cause to be prepared forms suitable to the purpose of systematic beneficence.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

An invitation was received to visit the Public School of Ithaca,

which was accepted, and an hour appointed to visit the same on the third day of the session.

One hundred and fifty copies of "A Discourse delivered in the North Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York, by Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D.," were received from the Consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York, which were distributed among the members of the Synod in conformity with the request of the Consistory.

A copy of the work entitled "Annals of the Classis and Township of Bergen, by the Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D.," lately issued by the Board of Publication, was presented to the General Synod by the author.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be given to the Consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church of New York City, for their great kindness in distributing among the members of the Synod the Historical Discourse of the Rev. Dr. De Witt.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Taylor for his presentation to Synod of the Annals of the Classis and Township of Bergen.

The bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The Rev. Richard Steele, Cornelius L. Wells, and the Elder, Charles Dusenbery, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for corresponding delegates, and for persons to preach the missionary and education sermons, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of each of our Boards be *ex-officio* members of said Boards.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod have twenty-five copies of the Minutes of Synod at his disposal, to be distributed among literary and theological institutions.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Synod was addressed on the third day of the session by the Secretaries of the Board of Education, the Board of Domestic Missions, and Board of Publication, in relation to the interests of these several Boards.

The Synod spent a portion of the evening of the third day of session in hearing addresses from several members on the subject of systematic beneficence, when it was

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Resolved, That hereafter, as a standing rule of the Synod, the morning of the third day of the session shall be devoted to the purpose of hearing from the Secretaries of our various Boards such oral statements as they shall see fit to make. After which an opportunity shall be afforded for a free interchange of opinion and feeling among the members of the Synod in regard to the benevolent operations of the church.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches to take up a collection in behalf of the American Colonization Society as near the 4th of July as practicable.

The Synod was addressed on the fourth day of the session by Dr. Parker, Agent of the Seaman's Friend Society, in relation to the claims and wants of that Institution; whereupon it was

Resolved, That we regard the American Seaman's Friend Society as one of the most important benevolent associations of the age, and commend it to the prayers and liberalities of our churches.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report that the following bills have been presented:

A bill from Andruss & Co., for stationery	$6 92
" for services of Sexton, eight days	12 00
44 letter stamps	1 32
2 bills for express charges	1 38
Amounting in all to	$21 62

All which they find correct, and recommend to be paid.

A. C. MILLSPAUGH, *Chairman.*

ITHACA, *June* 11*th*, 1857.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Synod be tendered to the families of this beautiful village for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have welcomed and entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That a similar expression of thanks be offered to the steamboat proprietors who so liberally contributed to the gratification of the members of Synod by an excursion on the Lake.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Pastor and Consistory of this Church, for the facilities and conveniences afforded to the Synod in the discharge of their duties.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due to the Principal of the Public School, No. 16, for the moral and intellectual gratification afforded us by our visit to the institution under his charge.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are also due to the Directors of the New York and Erie Railroad, and of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, for their liberality in conveying the members of Synod at one half the usual fare.

Resolved, That the Synod cannot separate without gratefully acknowledging the goodness of God in pouring out upon the members of this body so much of the spirit of grace and supplication; in preserv-

ing and strengthening the bonds of fraternal love and confidence; and in leading their minds to such harmonious action upon the important matters submitted to them.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that no member of the Synod was absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated session of the General Synod be held in the First Reformed Dutch Church, in the City of Newark.

Synod adjourned to meet in the First Reformed Dutch Church, in the City of Newark, N. J., on the first Wednesday in June, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was closed by singing 400th Hymn, prayer, and pronouncing the apostolic benediction by the President.

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *President.*
W. W. SCUDDER, *Adsessor.*
JOHN STEELE, } *Clerks pro tem.*
JOHN L. McNAIR, }
THOS. C. STRONG, *Permanent Clerk.*

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THOS. M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Synod

OF THE

REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH

IN

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CONVENED IN EXTRA SESSION,

IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, N. J., IN OCTOBER, 1857.

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN EXTRA SESSION IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, N. J., ON WEDNESDAY THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE FOURTEENTH TO THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER INCLUSIVE.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the President, the Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. John C. Guldin, Hervey D. Ganse, Talbot W. Chambers, D.D. *Elders*—Louis J. Belloni, Jacob S. Beekman, James W. Beekman.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Philip M. Brett, (1) John B. Steele. *Elder*—Jacob Wood, (1).

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D., E. P. Livingston, J. Addison Van Doren. *Elders*—John B. Brokaw, Abraham A. Beekman, John Stoothoff, (1).

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(1) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. James Scott, D.D., Alexander H. Warner, Charles Parker. *Elders*—Sebastian Duncan, Samuel L. Ward, Stafford W. Heath.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. John Manley, Peter J. Quick, Isaac D. Cole. *Elders*—Andrew Tallman, Cornelius J. Smith, (2) Isaac Tallman.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. John H. Manning, Conrad Dickhaut, A. P. Van Gieson. *Elder*—F. J. Hosford.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Wm. H. Ten Eyck, James Demarest. *Elder*—Hendrickson Jarvis, (1).

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. John H. Bevier, (3) Charles S. Hageman, Henry Dater. *Elders*—Denis Wortman, William H. Crosby.

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Theodore B. Romeyn. *Elder*—James Peters, (1).

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. John A. Staats, Nathaniel Conklin, Peter S. Talmage. *Elders*—David Tomkins, Abraham A. Jacobus.

11. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. Abraham H. Meyers, Ira C. Boice, John G. Johnson. *Elders*—P. H. Knickerbocker, Jonas R. Delamater.

12. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. William S. Moore, (3) Aaron A. Marcellus, Philip Phelps. *Elder*—Charles Dusenberry.

13. *From the Classis of Monmouth.*—Rev. Alburtis Van De Water, Ralph Willis, A. C. Millspaugh. *Elders*—Abraham Antonides, James M. Conover.

14. *From the Classis of Arcot, (India).*—Rev. William W. Scudder. *Elder*—

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., John Simonson, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D. *Elder*—

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(1) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.
(2) Obtained leave of absence on the the first day of the session.
(3) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. James McFarlane, John C. F. Hoes, D.D. *Elders*—James Wells, (1) Philip Hendricks.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Richard H. Steele, Elbert Nevius, Wm. W. Letson. *Elder*—

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., J. B. Shaw, (1). *Elder*—

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. John W. Hammond. *Elder*—

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. John C. Vanliew, William G. E. See, H. A. Raymond. *Elder*—Peter S. Danforth.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Cyril Spaulding, Cornelius L. Wells. *Elder*—

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. Seth P. M. Hastings, William Wolff, Julius Geyer. *Elder*—E. S. Brayton.

9. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Samuel W. Mills, Martin V. Schoonmaker, (3) Stephen Searle. *Elder*—

10. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. John Steele, William Johns, (2). *Elder*—A. Van Bergen.

11. *From the Classis of Watervliet.*—Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D.D. *Elder*—

12. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. John W. Schenck, George J. Van Neste. *Elder*—

13. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. John N. Jansen, Anson Dubois, John L. McNair. *Elders*—Richard Hardenburgh, Teunis J. Houghtaling, Clinton Woolsey.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. Cornelius D. Eltinge. *Elder*—

2. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. *Elder*—

3. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. *Elder*—

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.*—Rev. *Elder*—

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(1) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.

(2) Took his seat on the second day of the session.

(3) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., acted as *President;* the Rev. William W. Scudder, as *Adsessor;* and the Rev. John Steele and John L. McNair, as *Clerks pro tem.*

Acts of the Synod.

The President laid before Synod a constitutional request which he had received, to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the General Synod, "for the purpose of electing a Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and Pastoral Theology, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., L.L.D., and for the transaction of such other business as the Synod may deem proper."

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Rev. Professor Van Vranken, in relation to the present state of the wing of the College which he occupies as a residence, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A memorial was presented to the Synod, adopted at a meeting of the German Ministers, connected with the Reformed Dutch Church, in relation to the missionary enterprises among the Germans, which are sustained in the Church, which was read and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, transmitting certain resolutions adopted by the Board, in relation to their appropriations to beneficiaries, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication was received from the Classis of Bergen, recommending a suitable person to receive aid in the prosecution of his studies, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following communication was received from the Board of Direction of the Corporation, which having been read, was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

At a meeting of the Board of Direction of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, held at the office of Isaac Young, late Treasurer, on the twenty-seventh day of June, A. D., 1857, the following communication was read from George S. Stitt,—who was appointed by General Synod at their last meeting, their Treasurer,—declining such appointment, which was directed to be communicated to General Synod, at their next meeting:

NEW YORK, *June* 27, 1857.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST, ESQ.,

President of the Board of Direction of the General Synod:

I have received from the Clerk of General Synod a notice of my election as Treasurer of your Board,—upon full consideration of all the circumstances, I have determined to decline the acceptance of the office.

With great respect for you and your associates, I remain your obedient servant,

GEO. S. STITT.

Resolved, That Isaac Young, the late Treasurer, be and is hereby requested to discharge the duties of the office until a Treasurer shall be appointed by General Synod.

Extract from the Minutes. ISAAC YOUNG, *late Treasurer.*

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Messrs. James W. Beekman, F. J. Hosford, and Edward S. Brayton, be appointed to confer with the Board of Direction of the Corporation, in relation to the deficiencies now existing in the permanent funds of the Synod, and that they be empowered to use whatever means they may deem best to relieve the Synod from the distressing emergency in which we are now placed.

The Committee on Nominations, to whom the communication from the Board of Corporation was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred the resignation of the recently elected Treasurer of General Synod, Mr. G. S. Stitt, would respectfully report: That it is advisable that the resignation of Mr. Stitt be accepted, and that his successor be appointed without unnecessary delay. In accordance with the usage of Synod, the Committee beg leave to nominate two brethren, either of whom we regard as peculiarly qualified for the office to be filled.

All of which is respectfully submitted. P. M. BRETT, *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to the election of a Treasurer in the place of Mr. George S. Stitt, whose resignation has been accepted. On counting the ballots it appeared that Mr. Livingston K. Miller was elected.

Resolved, That in case of a vacancy in the office of Treasurer of the General Synod, the Board of Direction of the Corporation be authorized to make temporary provision for supplying the vacancy until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution which was passed by this Synod at Ithaca, concerning the printing of the amended Liturgy, as authorizes the use by the Churches of the Amended Forms for Ordination and Church Discipline be hereby rescinded, as conflicting with the Constitution.

Resolved, That the forms of the Revised Liturgy which have not been submitted to the Classes, be now sent down to them with the request that they will act upon the same prior to the next stated meeting of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of each Classis be requested to send distinct and separate notice of the result of the Classical action on this subject to the Stated Clerk of this body, as soon as such action shall have been had.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Education in relation to appropriations to

beneficiaries, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred a communication from the Corresponding Secretary to the General Synod, unanimously recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution of General Synod, rendering it imperative on the Board of Education to pay the beneficiaries one hundred and fifty dollars, be rescinded.

Resolved, That the appropriation to beneficiaries be left with the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES SCOTT.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee to erect the Theological Hall, as refers to the payment of Janitor's wages, &c., for Rutgers College, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate, (see Minutes, p. 203).

It having been announced by the Stated Clerk that the Rev. Dr. Ludlow, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, had been removed from the Theological Seminary by death, on the eighth day of September last, it was referred to the Committee on the Professorate, to report suitable resolutions to be adopted, and the action proper to be taken in relation to the event by the Synod.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully present the following Report, respecting the decease of the late Professor Ludlow:

Whereas, it has pleased the great Head of the Church to remove by death our late most respected and useful Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., L. L. D., this Synod do hereby,

1. *Resolve*, That while they humbly bow to the inscrutable Providence which has taken him away from the important station which he has filled, they cannot but express their own deep sorrow, and that of the whole Church over this sad bereavement.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod will ever cherish with affectionate regard the precious memory, and the invaluable services of their deceased Professor to the Church, which so largely enjoys the fruit of his labors, and in whose confidence he ever held an exalted place.

3. *Resolved*, That in testimony of their sentiments, this Synod direct the erection, at their expense, of a suitable monument over the grave of the late Professor Ludlow, and that the Professors of the Theological Seminary be and hereby are appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable inscription for the monument, and to superintend the erection of the same.

4. *Resolved*, That the funeral expenses of the deceased Professor be paid by the Treasurer of this Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That the salary of the late Professor, for the quarter during which his death has occurred, be paid in full to Mrs. Ludlow.

6. *Resolved*, That certified copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of Dr. Ludlow, and published.

In behalf of the Committee, W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

Synod proceeded to appoint a Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the place of the Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., L.L.D., who has been removed by death.

A number of candidates for the Professorship having been nominated, and said nominations being by ballot reduced to two,— on a succeeding day, after a season of special prayer, Synod proceeded to elect a Professor. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., was elected. Whereupon it was

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., be and hereby is appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Resolved, That an instrument certifying the appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod by the President thereof, and by him be given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be eighteen hundred dollars, with the use of the west wing of the College edifice.

Resolved, That the President of this Synod, and the Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, and W. J. R. Taylor, and the Elders Ed. S. Brayton, and Peter S. Danforth, be a Committee to wait upon the Professor elect, inform him of his appointment, and obtain from him his decision on the subject.

The Committee reported that they had waited upon the Professor elect, and that at their request he would in person attend the Synod and announce his decision.

In accordance with this arrangement the Rev. Dr. Bethune appeared in Synod on the afternoon of the second day of the session, and declared his declinature of the appointment of the Synod, together with the reasons which had induced him to come to this decision. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Synod have heard with regret the decision of the Rev. Dr. Bethune, in relation to the appointment conferred upon him, but that under the circumstances they are constrained to accept his declinature.

Synod then proceeded to elect a Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Goverment, and Pastoral Theology, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Bethune, who has declined the appointment.

A number of candidates for the Professorship having been nominated, and said nominations being by ballot reduced to five, on a succeeding day, after a season of special prayer, Synod proceeded to elect a Professor. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., was elected. Whereupon it was

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., be and hereby is appointed Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.

Resolved, That an instrument certifying his appointment, and specifying the duties of the office, be signed in the presence of the General Synod by the President thereof, and by him be given in the name of the Church to the Professor elect.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor elect be eighteen hundred dollars, together with the use of the west wing of the College edifice.

Resolved, That the President of this Synod, and the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., and W. J. R. Taylor, and the Elders A. Van Bergen and Peter S. Danforth, be a Committee to wait upon the Professor elect, inform him of his appointment, and obtain from him his decision on the subject.

The Committee reported that they had waited upon the Professor elect, and that at their request he had accompanied them from New Brunswick, and would attend the Synod in person, and announce his decision.

In accordance with this arrangement, the Rev. Dr. Woodbridge appeared in Synod on the afternoon of the third day of the session, and declared his acceptance of the appointment of the General Synod, as the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, in the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

Resolved, That the Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology, be inaugurated into his office on Wednesday, the second day of December, at eleven o'clock, in the First Reformed Dutch Church, in New Brunswick; and that in addition to the inaugural address to be delivered on that occasion by the Professor elect, the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., be and hereby is appointed to deliver a sermon, and the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., to deliver a charge to the Professor; and that the Rev. M. W. Dwight, D.D., be *secundus* to the Rev. Dr. Strong, and the Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., be *secundus* to the Rev. M. S. Hutton, D.D., and that the President of the Synod preside on the occasion.

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Messrs. John Demott, and Garrit G. Voorhies, be appointed to aid the Professor elect in his removal to the College edifice, and that the Treasurer of General Synod is hereby authorized to pay the expenses of the same.

Resolved, That this Synod request Dr. Bethune to deliver a course of Lectures on Pulpit Eloquence, during the course of the year, to the Classes of the Theological School, and that the details of the arrangement, and the compensation, be committed to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., E. P. Rogers, D.D., Gustavus Abeel, D.D., W. J. R. Taylor, H. D. Ganse, and the Elders James W. Beekman, and William H. Crosby.

Resolved, That the same Committee take into consideration the expediency and practicability of establishing a Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary, and report on the subject to the next General Synod.

Whereas, This Synod have been informed that the Library of the late Professor Ludlow contains many works of permanent value to our Theological Seminary, and that these may be secured at a reasonable price, therefore

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., William H. Campbell, D.D., William J. R. Taylor, and Elders Theo-

dore Frelinghuysen, James W. Beekman and Maurice E. Viele, be appointed to secure the funds for the purpose, and to purchase such works belonging to the late Professor Ludlow as may be deemed desirable for the Library of the Theological Seminary, and that the Committee report to the next General Synod.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate respectfully report on the matters submitted to them.

1. The Committee for the erection of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, state the fact that all the exercises of the Seminary during the past year have been performed in the Theological Hall, and that the Seminary has therefore derived no advantages from the services of the College Janitor, nor used the fuel of the College, for both of which the Synod has hitherto paid the College.

It appears also from the statement of the Treasurer of the Synod, that the sums of "one hundred dollars for one year's salary of Hugh Tolan, the Janitor of Rutgers College, and twenty dollars for fuel for the College," have been drawn and paid, although the exercises of the Seminary have not been held in the College building during the past year.

We therefore recommend the following resolutions:

(1). That the funds hitherto paid by the Synod for the services of Janitor, and for fuel in Rutgers College, be hereafter appropriated to similar use in the Theological Hall.

(2). That the Trustees of Rutgers College are hereby respectfully requested to refund to the Treasurer of the Theological Hall, the amount paid to the Treasurer of the College for the services of their Janitor, and for fuel during the past year.

2. Respecting the Communication of the Professor of Didactic Theology,

Resolved, That Messrs. Johnson Letson, Professor Cooke, and Rev. Dr. Van Vranken, be a Committee to make whatever repairs may be needed in their judgment to the Professor's dwelling, and that the necessary expense of the same be paid by the Treasurer of General Synod.

3. The Committee recommend that Synod grant the application of the Classis of Bergen in behalf of Christian Schenfield, as a suitable person to receive aid from the Educational Funds of the Church, and also that in accordance with the request of the Classis, a dispensation be granted to Mr. Schenfield, from the rule requiring a full collegiate course previous to entering the Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Rev. Dr. Ferris, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, appeared in Synod, and made a statement in relation to the operations of the Board, and laid upon the table copies of the "Constitution of the Board of Foreign Missions, with the Rules of Business," which had been adopted by the Board, which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The memorial from the German Ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church has been considered by your Committee, and they are satisfied that it contains suggestions which are the fruit of experience in that particular field, and worthy of the attentive consideration of Synod, in all its efforts to evangelize the German emigrant population of our land. The document presents the claims of that vast department of Domestic Missionary enterprize,— its peculiar difficulties and dangers, and the necessary line of policy to meet and obviate them,— if, as a denomination we are to incorporate any considerable portion of this element into our Church, or mould it in harmony with our prevailing spirit. To give a practical bearing to its suggestions, your Committee recommend the following resolutions for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That this memorial be commended to the consideration of the Board of Domestic Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of that Board be directed to have it published in the columns of the *Christian Intelligencer*.

3. *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. C. Guldin be a Committee on behalf of this Synod to open a correspondence with those Missionary Institutions in Germany, which are engaged in educating young men for the Gospel Ministry in America, with a view of introducing them into the service of our Church.

4. *Resolved*, In addition to the regulations applicable to this class of persons, that Licentiates and Ministers from these Institutions be required to spend one year in our Theological Seminary previous to their examination by Classis for ordination or installation.

JOHN F. MESICK, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave respectfully to report the following resolutions, in relation to the subjects brought before the Synod by the Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Board.

1. *Resolved*, That the Synod hereby approve and sanction in the general both the Constitution and the Rules of Business, as of late adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions, but as to the details of the latter, refer the same back to the Board for further consideration.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod heartily approve the arrangement by which *The Sower* is made the Board's organ of communication with the churches, and hereby request the Classes and Consistories to use their best efforts to secure the circulation of this paper in every part of our Church.

3. *Resolved*, That while it is greatly to be desired that this paper should be self-supporting, yet a large discretion is allowed to the Board in fixing the terms of subscription, it being a matter of the last importance that full, regular, and official intelligence of the state and progress of the Missions should be disseminated throughout our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

The Rev. W. J. R. Taylor presented to the Synod upwards of one hundred copies of an Historical Discourse, delivered by him, in relation to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Philadelphia, which were distributed among the members.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses to which the President has been subject in calling the present meeting of the Synod. And also the expenses incurred by the Committees to wait on the Rev. Dr. Bethune, and Rev. Dr. Woodbridge.

The door keeper's bill amounting to twelve dollars was presented and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Scott and his Consistory, for their kind attention to this body, and that the citizens of Newark, who have so hospitably entertained the members of this Synod, merit our most sincere gratitude.

The roll was commenced to be called, at the close of the Synod, agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, when it was resolved that the farther calling of it be suspended

The Minutes were read and approved.

CLOSE OF THE SYNOD.

Synod adjourned to meet in the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of Newark, on the first Wednesday in June, 1858, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was closed with prayer by the President.

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *President.*
W. W. SCUDDER, *Adsessor.*
JOHN L. McNAIR, } *Clerks pro tem.*
JOHN STEELE, }
THOS. C. STRONG, *Permanent Clerk.*

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THOS. M STRONG, ***Stated Clerk.***

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Synod

OF THE

REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH

IN

NORTH AMERICA,

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, N. J., ON WEDNESDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE SECOND TO THE NINTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Corinthians, 2 : 4. "*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Abraham B. Van Zandt, James Brownlee, Peter Stryker, (1). *Elders*—Stephen C. Lynes, (8) Samuel B. Schieffelin, Abraham Van Nest, (5).

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, John S. Ebaugh, James M. Matthews, (1). *Elders*—Jacob Duryea, Jacob B. Wood, (1) Jeremiah Lambert, (9).

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(5) Succeeded on the sixth day of the session by his alternate, James Van Antwerp.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(9) Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. Alexander McClelland, Herman B. Stryker, (4) Henry P. Thompson. *Elders*—Andrew S. Cole, (2) Smith Bloomfield.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. David H. Riddle, T. De Witt Talmage, Cornelius Blauvelt. *Elders*—James A. Williamson, William Richards, John Duncan.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. Philip Peltz, J. Paschal Strong, (6) John T. Demarest, (7). *Elders*—Albert Duryea, Davies Miller, David J. Alyea, (7) (8).

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Daniel McL. Quackenbush, Jacob West, Anson F. Munn. *Elders*—John A. Lydecker, Isaac Brinckerhoff, John G. Williamson.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. William W. Halloway, (11) Goyn Talmage, John A. Debaun. *Elders*—Silas N. Hamilton, James Luyster, (2) William Wright, (3).

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, Samuel Van Vechten. *Elders*—Dennis Wortman, William Seward, (7).

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. Theodore B. Romeyn, William J. R. Taylor, (9). *Elders*—Martin Nevius, Henry A. Bower, (3) (10).

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. J. H. Harris, Joseph Wilson. *Elders*—Thomas P. Doremus, Cornelius D. Van Ness.

11. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. David D. Demarest, John H. Pitcher, (3) William Lyall, (3). *Elder*—Abraham V. V. Eltinge.

12. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Isaac M. See, Polhemus Van Wyck, Abel T. Stewart. *Elders*—John Q. A. Butler, Richard Walsh.

13. *From the Classis of Monmouth.*—Rev. William Reiley, Ezra W. Collier, Jacob S. Wyckoff, (10). *Elders*—Gilbert H. Van Mater, Sylvester Buck (5).

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(2) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.
(3) Took his seat on the third day of the session,
(4) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session, and was succeeded by his *primarius*, Rev. John Proudfit.
(5) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
(6) Succeeded on the sixth day of the session by his *primarius*, Rev. John H. Duryea.
(7) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(9) Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.
(10) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.
(11) Succeeded on the seventh day of the session by his *secundus*, Rev. Elbert Porter, D.D.

14. *From the Classis of Arcot, (India.)*—Rev. William W. Scudder, Henry M. Scudder, M.D., (1).

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, Staats Van Santvoord, (8) Hugh B. Gardner, (3). *Elders*—Richard V. De Witt, Stephen Van Rensselaer, Theodore F. Cornell, (7).

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, Alexander C. Hillman, (3) (8) Alexander Gulick, (3). *Elder.*—Luther Laflin.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. James R. Talmage, Edward P. Simpson, Lawrence H. Van Dyck. *Elders*—John Mesick, Martinus Lansing, (1) (8).

4. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Ransford Wells, Ebenezer S. Hammond, John J. Quick, (3). *Elders*—James Edwards, (8) James Yauney, (2) Abraham Hees, (5).

5. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. William A. Benedict, Gilbert Lane. *Elders.*—James Lewis, John Bassler, Adam H. Hagar.

6. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—*Elders*—John Sanders, (1) Jacob F. Clute, (3).

7. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—Rev. John Boehrer, George Rockwell, Seth P. M. Hastings. *Elders*—Edward Adriance, Jacob Collier, (2) Thomas H. Wood.

8. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Lawrence L. Comfort, Robert P. Lee, Malcolm N. McLaren. *Elders*—Henry Bergen, Sydney Kidd, (10).

9. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. Samuel T. Searle, John Minor, William E. Turner, (1) (8). *Elder*—John A. Greene.

10. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. Benjamin Bassler, John Whitbeck, (10) Joseph A. Collier. *Elders*—Samuel A. Foot, (8) James C. Knight, (1).

11. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev Benjamin C. Lippincott, James R. Lente, Cornelius Wyckoff. *Elders*—Solomon Shears, Caleb M. Rosa, Christian J. Deyo.

12. *From the Classis of Saratoga.*—Rev. Rutgers Van Brunt, Oscar H. Gregory. *Elders*—William Noyes, Samuel Crauford.

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(1) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(2) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.
(3) Took his seat on the third day of the session.
(5) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
(7) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.
(8) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(10) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Abraham D. Wilson.

2. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. William Bailey, Charles A. Evans.

3. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Der Meulen, (10). *Elder*—Johannes Van Hees, (10).

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.*—Rev. John Mason Ferris, Martin A. Ypma. *Elder*—Peter Lankaster.

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., was chosen *President;* the Rev. Robert P. Lee, D.D., *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. Philip Peltz and Samuel T. Searle, *Clerks pro-tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary and extra sessions of the General Synod were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed :

On the Professorate.—Rev. William Reiley, James R. Talmage, D. McL. Quackenbush. Elders, S. B. Schieffelin and Jas. A. Williamson.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. James Brownlee, J. Paschal Strong, Cornelius Blauvelt. Elders, Thomas P. Doremus and John A. Greene.

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(10) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

On Domestic Missions.—Rev. Jacob West, O. H. Gregory, J. A. Collier. Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer and Luther Laflin.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, W. W. Scudder, Theo. B. Romeyn. Elders, James Edwards and James Luyster.

On Accounts.—Rev. B. Bassler, Aaron Lloyd, E. S. Hammond. Elders, Isaac Brinckerhoff and Martin Nevius.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. S. B. Van Vechten, John Minor, B. C. Lippincott. Elders, Adam H. Hagar and Edward Adriance.

On Correspondence.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, M. N. McLaren, R. Van Brunt. Elders, Christian J. Deyo and Smith Bloomfield.

On Education.—Rev. W. W. Halloway, D. H. Riddle, J. Whitbeck. Elders, S. B. Schieffelin and Sylvester Buck.

On Nominations.—Rev. Goyn Talmage, Theo. L. Cuyler, Joachim Elmendorf. Elders, Albert Duryea and Caleb M. Rosa.

On the Widows' Fund. — Rev. Joseph Wilson, R. Wells, Wm. Bailey. Elders, Richard Walsh and Thos. H. Wood.

On Publication.—Rev. R. P. Lee, C. Van Cleef, J. Mason Ferris. Elders, R. V. De Witt and John Duncan.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. L. H. Van Dyck, E. P. Rogers, Ezra Collier. Elders, G. H. Van Mater and A. V. V. Eltinge.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL REPORT, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS, MAY 19TH, 1858.

The Committee on Synodical Report beg leave to report as follows:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in Peter Hertzog Hall, on Tuesday, May 18th, 1858, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The President, Rev. Dr. McLaren, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following members were present:

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef,
" Philip Phelps, Jr.,
" A. C. Millspaugh,
" J. R. Van Arsdale,
" Theo. B. Romeyn,
" Ferdinand H. Van Derveer,
" *John B. Alliger,*
" *Francis M. Kip, D.D.,*
" *M. N. McLaren, D.D.,*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D.D.,
" Edwin Vedder,
" Julius H. Seelye,
" A. H. Van Vranken,
" Nathan F. Chapman,
" John Minor,
" James R. Talmage,
" George H. Fisher, D.D.

The following Classes were not represented, viz: The Classes of New York, South New York, New Brunswick, South Long Island, Passaic, Hudson, Washington, Watervliet, Michigan, Illinois, Holland, Wisconsin, Arcot, Kingston.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, D.D., as President, and Rev. James R. Talmage, as Clerk, *pro tem.*

The report of the Theological Faculty was laid before the Board, from which it appears that the following young gentlemen have been in attendance upon the exercises of the Seminary during the past year, viz:

Senior Class.

William T. Enyard,
John S. Lott,
John C. Lowe,
Joseph Mayon,
F. W. A. Riedel,
Jeremiah Searle,
Mason R. Strong,
Alexander McKelvey,
Jacob F. Neef,
Alvin Ostrom,
Daniel Rapalje,
Robert G. Strong,
J. B. Thompson,
Augustus F. Todd.

Middle Class.

Jacob Chamberlain, Jr.,
Hasbrouck Du Bois,
Philip Furbeck,
Maurice G. Hansen,
James Huyssoon,
Josiah Jansen,
A. W. Knowlton,
Henry Ray Lott, M.D.,
Charles D. Nott,
Henry Schiebe,
William A. Shaw,
C. G. Van Derveer,
Edward M. Weiss.

Junior Class.

Jacob Baay,
James H. Ballagh,
Isaac Collier,
William R. Duryee,
Albert V. Gulick,
H. W. F. Jones,
Leonard W. Kip, Jr.,
Frederick Loeber,
Dennis Wortman, Jr.,
Edward Miller,
George H. Peck,
Robert R. Proudfit,
Lester C. Rogers,
Christian Schoenfeldt,
John Scudder,
Thomas A. Talmage,
John E. Watkins.

The above report informs us that Frederick Loeber and Christian Schoenfeldt have withdrawn from the Institution—the latter on account of ill health, the former for reasons not known. John R. Leslie, who finished his Junior year last May, has not been in attendance during any part of the year.

Mason R. Strong, of the present Senior Class, has been absent from the Seminary since the first of January, on account of serious sickness. If his health will permit, he will return next September, and prosecute his studies with the Senior Class. Thomas A. Talmage, of the Junior

Class, having been very ill for the month past, and not being able to attend this examination, the Professors recommend that his absence be excused, and he be allowed to proceed with his class at the opening of the next term. The above recommendation was complied with.

This Board rejoice to learn from the Professors so favorable an account of the studious habits and Christian deportment of the young gentlemen under their care; also that the claims of the heathen are engaging the attention of many of them, and that four of the Senior Class have already resolved that, with the permission of the great Head of the Church, they will preach the Gospel in heathen lands.

The Annual Sermon before the Board was preached by Rev. J. B. Alliger, from John 3 : 30; and the address to the students was delivered by Rev. N. F. Chapman.

The students of the several classes were examined in the various studies pursued in the Seminary. The Senior Class were examined also on the subject of personal piety, and their motives in wishing to enter the ministry. They also gave specimens of sermons, as to composition, analysis, and delivery. All the students passed through their examinations very much to the gratification of the Board. The entire Senior Class were recommended to the Faculty for the usual certificates.

The seats of the following members will become vacant at the next meeting of General Synod:

Rev. P. D. Van Cleef,	Rev. Edwin Vedder,
" S. T. Searle,	" A. C. Millspaugh,
" C. E. Crispell,	" J. R. Van Arsdale,
" Anthony Elmendorf,	" Philip Phelps, Jr.,

M. N. McLaren, D.D.

The Board of Superintendents would do great violence to their own feelings, and, they are confident, to the feelings of the General Synod also, were they to close this report without at least a brief allusion to the sad providence which has visited the Seminary since our last meeting. Death has removed from his sphere of usefulness on earth to his rest and his triumph in the better world, one whom we all loved. Remembering the genial spirit, the strong intellect, the ripe scholarship, the rich and varied mental furniture, and above all, the sweet Christian spirit and Godly zeal of our late Professor, the Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., and conscious, many of us, of experiencing now, as we have through years of toil, the benefits of that paternal attention and labor, which, with so much solicitude and kindness, he was accustomed to bestow upon the students here, we feel that we, as individuals, and the Church at large, have sustained a sore bereavement. While we bow with submission to Him whose right it is to take his own to Himself whenever it seemeth to him good, we would not forget the members of that circle most deeply affected by this trying dispensation. With the respect which sorrowing virtue always inspires, we assure them of our tenderest sympathies, and of our prayers on their behalf, to Him who is the *Father of the fatherless* and the Judge of the widow, in his Holy *habitation.*

It will not be considered improper in this connection to speak of the goodness of the King and Head of the Church, in so soon and so appropriately placing another in the chair made vacant by the removal of the venerable man whose death we deplore. From our personal acquaintance with the young Professor, and in view of this his first appearance before us at the head of his department, and from the evidence the young gentlemen gave in their examinations, of being under able and thorough training, we are confident the churches will have every year increasing reason to feel that the General Synod was wisely and kindly guided in placing Dr. Woodbridge in his present position.

M. N. McLAREN, *Chairman.*

A true copy.

P. D. VAN CLEEF,
Stated Clerk of the Board.

Accompanying the report of the Board of Superintendents were the following preamble and resolution, which were read and referred to the Committee on Education :

To the Stated Clerk of General Synod:

The following preamble and resolution were adopted by the Board of Superintendents at their late session, and directed to be sent to the General Synod :

Whereas doubts are entertained as to the duty of the Board of Superintendents in reference to examining applicants for aid from the Board of Education,

Resolved, That the General Synod be requested to inform this Board whether, in adopting the new plan of 1857 for the better conducting of the educational interests of the Church, it was the intention of Synod to repeal all that part of the plan of 1851 which empowered and made it the duty of the Board of Superintendents to examine all applicants for beneficiary aid.

A true copy. P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

JERSEY CITY, *June 2d*, 1858.

Accompanying the report was the following action of the Board in reference to the increase of the number of young men for the ministry, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To the Stated Clerk of General Synod:

The following is an extract from the report of the Committee on the Professoral Report adopted by the Board of Superintendents at its late meeting:

"*The Faculty* respectfully ask the Board to initiate measures by *which the claims* of the ministry may be more earnestly pressed upon

our pious youth, and a deeper interest felt and shown by the Church in furnishing the necessary funds for their education. The Committee recommend that this part of the report, which they deem very important, be referred to the serious consideration of General Synod."

The following is the passage in the report of the Professors to which the Committee referred in the extract above:

"The Faculty would respectfully ask the Board to initiate measures by which the claims of the ministry may be more earnestly pressed upon our pious youth. Many young men of warm piety and excellent abilities have been added to our churches. Ought they not to give themselves to the Lord in the work of the ministry? This subject will not be pressed in vain; and if so many of our young men are going abroad to preach the Gospel to the heathen, we may confidently expect that their example will stir up others to follow them, and that God will open still wider the door of entrance to the Pagan world, as He sees we have a heart to enter in. We shall need then more ministers both *for the foreign and home fields.* Let it be also remembered, that if our youth consecrate themselves to this work, it will be necessary to provide more abundant means to educate the increased number."

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

JERSEY CITY, *June 8th,* 1858.

A communication was received from the Classis of Bergen in reference to the Sustentation Fund, which was referred to the Committee on Widows' Fund; and also in reference to the subject of students preaching, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the North Classis of Long Island in reference to the subject of students preaching, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Illinois in reference to the payment of the traveling expenses of the delegates from the West to the General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A communication was received from the Classis of Geneva in reference to the publication of the Minutes of Synod in the Holland language, which was referred to the Committee on Publication.

A communication was received from Mr. Abraham Van Nest, President of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, declining a re-election, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., Professor in the Theological Seminary, accompanied with bills paid by him for repairs to the premises occupied by him, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Henry Ray Lott, M.D., a member of the Theological Seminary, asking for a dispensation from a portion of the allotted studies, accompanied with a recommendation from the Professors of the Theological Seminary, which papers were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. David H. Riddle, D.D., asking for a dispensation for his son, Matthew Brown Riddle, from a portion of the prescribed term of study, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Charles Collins, Jr., asking a dispensation from certain branches of study, and permission to appear before the Classis of Philadelphia for licensure to preach the Gospel; together with letters from Rev. Dr. Berg and W. J. R. Taylor, and certain resolutions from Consistory of Second Reformed Dutch Church of Philadelphia; which papers were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the delegates of the Classis of Arcot, requesting, on behalf of the Classis, a dispensation to empower them to ordain ministers under certain circumstances, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Philip Berry, asking a dispensation to enable him to enter the Middle Class in the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Jacob Chamberlain, Jr., asking for a dispensation allowing him to attend a course of Medical Lectures during the coming winter, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, together with the report of John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report, that the increased obligations assumed in October, 1855, have created an annual deficiency in the regular income of the Synod to defray its existing standing expenses, of about eight hundred dollars a year. In 1856, the Synod, at its meeting in June, recommended to the churches to make collections to meet this deficiency; this call on the churches has failed to relieve the case, and the deficiency increases annually.

The Synod perceives that some early and effectual measures should be adopted, or this increasing deficiency will become very serious and embarrassing.

The funds of the Synod, it is believed, are safely invested, the interest accruing thereon regularly paid, and its fiscal affairs generally receive due attention.

The Widows' Fund amounts at this time to the sum of $15,900; it has a just claim upon the benevolence of our churches, and to a more liberal consideration.

The Board of Direction, with the whole Church, deeply lament the decease of their friend and brother, the Rev. Dr. Knox, since their last report; his memory will long be cherished with sincere and affectionate respect and veneration. His christian discretion, his chastened experience, and his devoted piety gave to his well-trained mind an influence of singular power, and he faithfully consecrated it to the cause of his blessed Master.

A deed from Rev. Alburtus C. Van Raalte, and his wife, to General Synod, dated the first day of May, 1858, for the land and buildings in the village of Holland, Michigan, known as the Holland Academy, has been deposited with this Board.

The Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, exhibits in detail the state of the funds belonging to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, } *Directors.*
W. B. CROSBY, }

NEW YORK, *May* 31*st*, 1858.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with ISAAC YOUNG, *Acting Treasurer*, 1858.

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	1	Cash paid the following Clergymen, their traveling expenses in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held at New Brunswick, May 19th, viz: Rev. J. B. Alliger..... .....$ 3 00 " Edwin Vedder.... ..... 11 00 " C. E. Crispell ... . 6 25 " F. H. Vanderveer, (twice.). 10 30	30	55
	"	" " the following persons, one quarter's salary as Professors in the Theological College, due this day, viz: Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D ..$525 00 " John Ludlow, D.D..... 450 00 " Saml. A. VanVranken, D.D. 450 00	1,425	00
	3	" " Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., his traveling expenses as Delegate from General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, held at Lexington, Ky., 21st May last	58	00
	"	" Isaac Young, Treasurer General Synod, one year's salary, due 1st inst.,....$250 00 Postage and Discount..... .... 4 65 For management of the Widows' Fund for one year..... 150 00 Postage and Discount 97	405	62
	29	" " Rev. Isaac Ferris, DD., his traveling expenses to and from Utica, to preach the Annual Sermon on behalf of Foreign Missions before the General Synod....	10	00
	"	" F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, &c., six months' interest on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th inst..	1,395	97
		Carried forward.....	3,325	14

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	3,325	14
July	6	Cash paid Rev. T. M. Strong, D.D., Stated Clerk of General Synod, one year's salary...$150 00 His traveling expenses ..... 9 25 Door-keeper's bill, paid by him. 21 62 Postage, &c..... 3 07	183	94
	8	" " Rev. Robert J. Blair, his fourth quarterly payment out of the Sustentation Fund..	25	00
		" " Rev. Thomas C. Strong, permanent Clerk of General Synod, his expenses in attending the meetings of Synod, held at Utica. 1856, and Ithaca, 1857, per order of General Synod, June, 1855.....	25	00
August	3	" " Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, one year's salary..$25 00 Sundry disbursements of the B'd. 4 96	29	96
	8	" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, &c., a dividend on 67 shares of stock of Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.....	402	00
	12	" " the following persons their traveling expenses as Delegates from the Classis of Wisconsin to the meeting of Synod, held at Ithaca, per order of Synod, p. 192, viz: Rev. S. Bolks .....$16 00 " John M. Ferris..... 16 00 " Mannus Menesink..... 16 00	48	00
	20	" " Rev. H. A. Raymond, heretofore paid by him into Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn	220	00
Sept'r	1	" " the following persons one quarter's salary as Professors in the Theological College, due this day: Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D....$525 00 " John Ludlow, D.D..... 450 00 " Saml. A. Van Vranken, D.D. 450 00	1,425	00
	28	" " the Board of Publication, for printing Minutes General Synod of 1857.....	281	37
	29	" " Catherine Murphy, widow of Rev. James Murphy, D.D., deceased, this amount being the balance due him out of the Sustentation Fund.....	50	00
October	5	" " Hasbrouck Dubois, the successful competitor for the Van Doren Prize Essay, for the year 1857.....	30	00
	17	" " Rev. C. Van Santvoord, the expense of summoning the extra meeting of Synod, held at Newark, New Jersey, 14th inst.....	6	50
		" " Rev. E. S. Brayton, expenses of Committee to confer with Rev. G. W. Bethune, D.D., on his election as Professor in the Theological College.....	6	17
		Carried forward.....	6,055	08

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	6,058	08
October		Cash paid Anthony Van Bergen, expenses of Committee to confer with Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., on his election as Professor in the Theological College, per order of General Synod	7	00
	19	" " Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., advanced by him for Door-keeper's bill in attending on Synod at their meeting held at Newark on the 14th inst.	12	00
	27	" " the Reformed Dutch Church at Alto, Wisconsin, on account of $1,400 loaned to said Church out of the Church Building Fund, (secured by a bond and mortgage of John Landall for $1,500 on real estate at Alto, aforesaid,) see minutes of Synod, p. 150.	700	00
	28	" " Rev. Robert J. Blair, the first quarterly payment out of the Sustentation Fund, per order of the B'rd of Direction, 19th Sept.	25	00
Novem.	2	" " Hugh Tolan, Janitor of Rutgers College, six months' salary, due 16th October	50	00
		" " the following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund, for the last six months, due 1st inst., viz:		
		Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D. $70 00		
		" Israel Hammond 70 00		
		" R. W. Knight, 70 00		
		" Edward H. May 70 00		
		Maria Lansing 52 50		
		Lydia M. W. Sluyter 70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen 70 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon 70 00		
		Caroline Hoff 70 00		
		Maria Rudy 52 50		
		Jane Hunt 26 25		
		Esther Winfield 70 00		
		Eleanor Westfall 26 25	787	50
Decem.	1	" " the following persons, one quarter's salary as Professors in the Theological College, due this day, viz:		
		Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D. $525 00		
		" Saml. A. Van Vranken, D.D. 450 00	975	00
	4	" " Rev. C. Van Santvoord, President of General Synod, his expenses in attending the installation of Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, D. D., as Professor in the Theological College at New Brunswick	12	00
	11	" " the Board of Publication for printing minutes of extra session of Synod, held at Newark 14th October	36	86
	26	" " Mrs. C. V. S. Ludlow, widow of Rev. John Ludlow, deceased, one quarter's salary of her late husband as Professor in the Theological College, (see minutes, p. 258)	450	00
		Carried forward	9,113	44

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	9,113	44
Decem.		Cash paid James R. Ludlow, advanced by him for the funeral expenses of Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., and repaid by order of Synod, (see minutes, p. 258)	132	03
1858.				
anuary	2	" " Rev. Robert J. Blair, his second quarterly payment out of the Sustentation Fund.	25	00
	4	" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, six months' interest on the invested scholarships in the Theological College, due 4th December	1,395	97
		" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, a dividend on 67 shares of stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company	268	00
	15	" " Premium of Insurance for one year on $8,000 on Rutgers College	48	00
Febr'y	12	" " Rev. Isaac S. Demund, heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, now withdrawn	80	00
	13	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, one year's interest on Henry Rutgers' donation of $5,000 to Rutgers College	300	00
	14	" " John Landall, on account of $1,400 loaned to the Reformed Dutch Church at Alto, Wisconsin, belonging to the Church Building Fund	413	00
March	3	" " the following persons, one quarter's salary as Professors in the Theological College, viz: Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D. ..$525; " Sam'l A. Van Vranken, D.D .. 450; " Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.. 450	1,425	00
	12	" " J. C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, one half the salary of the Librarian for one year to 1st April next.....$50; Also, three dividends on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, belonging to the College.....11	61	00
	24	" " John Landall, the balance of $1,400 loaned to the Reformed Dutch Church at Alto, Wisconsin	287	00
April	7	" " Johnson Letson, Chairman, &c., sundry bills for repairs to Rutgers College, per order of General Synod 14th October last	124	92
	29	" " James N. Gifford, loaned him on his bonds, secured by mortgages on his two houses and lots in this city	13,000	00
May	1	" " The following persons their annuities out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the last six months, due this day, viz: Rev. William C. Brownlee, D.D..$70 00; " Israel Hammond..... 70 00; " R. W. Knight..... 70 00; Maria Lansing..... 52 50		
		Carried forward	26,873	36

1858.		Dr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward		26,673	36
May		Cash paid to Lydia M. W. Sluyter	$70 00		
		Catherine E. Van Wagenen	70 00		
		Harriet V. V. Mabon	70 00		
		Caroline Hoff	70 00		
		Maria Rudy	52 50		
		Jane Hunt	26 25		
		Esther Winfield	70 00		
		Eleanor Westfall	26 25		
				717	50
	17	" " the Bank of New York, the principal of General Synod's note, dated the 3d March, 1858	$1,500 00		
		75 days' interest on the same	21 57		
				1,521	57
	18	" " John I. Brower, Treasurer, ten years' interest to 17th August, 1857, on $250 invested by the Board of Direction for the Board of Domestic Missions		175	00
	20	" " Premium of Insurance on property in 56th Street, on which Synod holds a mortgage, now in process of foreclosure		4	20
		" " the following persons their traveling expenses in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, held 18th instant:			
		Rev. A. H. Van Vranken	$12 00		
		" N. F. Chapman	9 00		
		" Francis M. Kip, D.D	7 65		
		" Philip Phelps, Jr	5 40		
		" J. B. Alliger	3 00		
		" J. H. Seelye	6 50		
		" M. N. McLaren, D.D	4 75		
		" Edwin Vedder	11 00		
		" Jacob Van Vechten	10 00		
		" George H. Fisher, D.D	13 50		
				82	80
	31	" " Isaac Young, Acting Treasurer, one year's salary, due 10th June next	$250 00		
		Postage and discount	5 76		
		For management of the Widows' Fund	150 00		
		Postage, &c	52		
				406	28
		Balance in Bank		4,825	93
				34,406	64

1857.		Cr.	$	cts.
		By balance from last account.....	5,531	29
June	1	By Cash received, six months' interest on bond for $20,000, due this day.....	700	00
	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th April.....	87	50
		" " of the following persons, the interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, viz:		
		Est. Cornelius Duryee.....$15 00		
		" David L. Haight..... 30 00		
		John Oothout..... 30 00		
		Samuel Smith..... 15 00		
		David W. Wetmore..... 30 00		
		Thomas C. Doremus..... 30 00		
		Collegiate Church, N. Y....300 00		
			450	00
July	24	" " of Rev. William H. Van Doren, one year's interest on Missionary Prize Essay Bond, given by him.....	30	00
August	7	" " a dividend on 67 shares of stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.,	402	00
		" " interest in full to 5th inst. on two bonds amounting to $9,000.....	347	50
Septem.	1	" " six months' interest on $4,750, balance of a bond due this day.....	166	25
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 1st instant.....	122	50
		" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st instant.....	175	00
October	9	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000, due 16th instant.....	14	00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 10th instant.....	70	00
		" " six months' interest on two bonds for $1,000 each.....	70	00
	16	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000, due 15th instant.....	70	00
	19	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500, due 16th instant.....	122	50
	23	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,500, due 13th instant.....	52	50
		" " six months' interest on three bonds amounting to $11,000, due this day	385	00
Novem.	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th October.....	98	00
	6	" " six months' interest on two bonds amounting to $5,250, due 22d Oct.	183	75
		" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st instant.....	210	00
	17	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st instant.....	210	00
	21	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st instant.....	175	00
	23	" " six months' interest on bonds for $17,000, due 16th instant.....	510	00
		Carried forward.....	10,308	79

1857.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	10,308	79
Novem.	23	By Cash received, six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st instant	175	00
Decem.	1	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 21st November	210	00
		" " six months' interest on bonds for $2,000	70	00
	8	" " six months' interest on bond for $7,000, due 1st November	245	00
1858.				
January	2	" " a dividend on 67 shares of stock of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.	268	00
	8	" " interest in full to this date on bond for $20,000	704	76
	18	" " of Samuel B. Schieffelin, for the Sustentation Fund	50	00
	30	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,500, due 26th Oct.	87	50
Febr'y	11	" " six months' interest on two bonds amounting to $9,000, due 5th inst.	315	00
March	1	" " six months' interest on $4,750, balance of a bond due this day	166	25
	2	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000 due 1st inst.	175	00
	3	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500 due 1st inst.	122	50
		" " loaned from the Bank of New York on General Synod's note of this date	1,500	00
	19	" " of the R. D. Church, Broome Street, in full of the principal of their three bonds to General Synod, amounting to ... $8,900 00 Interest in full to this date, 647 14	9,547	14
April	15	" " six months' interest on bond for $4,000 due 16th inst.	140	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000 due 10th inst.	70	00
		" " six months' interest on bond for $2,000 due 16th inst.	70	00
	23	" " six months' interest on bond for $1,500 due 13th inst.	52	50
		" " six months' interest on three bonds amounting to $11,000, due this day	385	00
	26	" " six months' interest on bond for $3,500 due 16th inst.	122	50
	27	" " of Wm. H. Scofield, in full of the principal of his bond to General Synod ... $6,000 00 Interest in full to this date, 206 55	6,206	55
	29	" " six months' interest on bond for $2,800, due 27th	98	00
May	5	" " six months' interest on two bonds amounting to $5,250, due 22d April	183	75
		Carried forward	31,273	24

1858.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	31,273	24
May	6	By Cash received, six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst	175	00
	13	" " six months' interest on bond for $5,000, due 1st inst	175	00
	18	" " six months' interest on two bonds amounting to $17,000, due 16th inst	570	00
	20	" " six months' interest on bond for $6,000, due 1st inst	210	00
	22	" " of J. C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College; this amount paid in error to Hugh Tolan, Janitor of said College for six months' salary, due 16th Oct. last	50	00
		" " collected in the following Churches during the year, for the Widows' Fund, viz.:		
		R. D. Ch. Six Mile Run ... $27 05		
		" New Utrecht ... 5 00		
		" 5 Av. & 21st St., N.Y 20 00		
		2d " Poughkeepsie ... 1 50		
		" Van Vorst, Jersey City ... 38 53		
		2d " Albany ... 10 00		
		" Albany ... 65 67	167	75
		" " from the following Classes for Minutes of Synod:		
		Classis of Westchester ... $32 50		
		" " Albany ... 12 50		
		" " Philadelphia ... 17 50		
		" " Monmouth ... 5 70		
		" " Geneva ... 16 66		
		" " Orange ... 16 00		
		So. " " Long Island ... 10 50		
		" " Bergen ... 30 00		
		" " Poughkeepsie ... 12 00		
		" " New York ... 33 00		
		So. " " New York ... 15 00	200	36
		" " collected in the following Classes for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz:		
		Classis of Philadelphia ... $ 52 00		
		" " New York ... 100 00		
		" " Hudson ... 36 50		
		" " Westchester ... 40 00		
		So. " " Long Island ... 70 00		
		" " Paramus ... 38 00		
		" " Ulster ... 35 00		
		" " Kingston ... 32 79		
		" " Orange ... 50 00		
		" " New Brunswick ... 70 00		
		So. " " New York ... 51 00		
		2d R. D. Church, Albany ... 70 00	645	29
		Carried forward	33,466	84

1858.	Cr.		$	cts.
	Brought forward		33,466	64
May	By Cash received of the following Clergymen their annual payments to the Widows' Fund:			
	Rev. John C. Van Liew	$20 00		
	" Andrew B. Taylor	20 00		
	" Charles Doeppenschmidt	20 00		
	" Elbert S. Porter, D.D.	20 00		
	" William Lyall	20 00		
	" Samuel Harlow	20 00		
	" Cornelius Wyckoff	20 00		
	" Jas. B. Hardenburgh, D.D.	20 00		
	" David D. Demarest, D.D.	20 00		
	" Joseph Wilson	20 00		
	" Charles Whitehead	20 00		
	" James M. Compton	20 00		
	" John A. De Baun	20 00		
	" Philip Peltz	20 00		
	" R. Ormiston Currie, D.D.	20 00		
	" Peter J. Quick	20 00		
	" William S. Heyer	20 00		
	" Isaac G. Duryee	20 00		
	" John L. McNair	20 00		
	" Isaac M. See	20 00		
	" Charles Jukes	20 00		
	" John Gray	20 00		
	" John Mason Ferris	20 00		
	" Herman B. Stryker	20 00		
	" Peter Stryker	20 00		
	" Eben S. Hammond	40 00		
	" Charles S. Hageman	20 00		
	" Cornelius L. Van Dyck	20 00		
	" Ralph Willis	20 00		
	" Thomas B. Gregory	20 00		
	" John J. Quick	40 00		
	" Cornelius Blauvelt	20 00		
	" Cyril Spaulding	20 00		
	" John C. Guldin	20 00		
	" Richard H. Steele	20 00		
	" John Du Bois	20 00		
	" James R. Talmage	20 00		
	" John A. Lansing	20 00		
	" Goyn Talmage	20 00		
	" Ira C. Boice	20 00		
	" Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.	20 00		
	" E. P. Rogers, D.D.	20 00		
	" Jacob West	20 00		
	" Enoch Van Aken	20 00		
	" Nicholas D. Williamson	20 00		
			940	00
			$34,406	64
May 31	By balance carried to new account		$4,825	93

[Errors excepted.] ISAAC YOUNG, *Acting Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined *the same, with the* vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance due the *General Synod of four* thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-three cents.

ABM. VAN NEST, W. B. CROSBY, } Committee.

New York, May 31st, 1858.

Annual Digest, 1858.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows:

Funds Devoted to Education.

THE VAN BENSCHOTEN FUND.

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, &c., of Rutgers College, and which is loaned upon bonds secured by mortgages upon property in the State of New Jersey, &c., amounted on the 1st April, 1858, to	$20,313 51
Balance due to Rutgers College	175 92
Interest on same Fund, due 1st May, 1858	306 00
There has been paid to indigent students out of the interest of this Fund, during the past year	2,687 50

LEGACY OF MISS REBECCA KNOX.

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned upon bond secured by mortgage on property in the State of New Jersey, is	$2,000 00
Interest due on this Fund 1st May, 1858	120 00
Balance in hands of J. C. Elmendorf, Treasurer, &c., 1st April, 1858	432 11

Education Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction on bonds secured by mortgages, for educational purposes	$39,835 00
Balance of principal in the hands of the Treasurer of General Synod, 31st May, 1858	9 30
Balance of interest in his hands on that day	295 89

Widows' Fund.

Amount of moneys invested by the Board of Direction on bonds secured by mortgages to this Fund	$15,900 00
Balance of principal in hands of the Treasurer 31st May	1,496 96
There has been paid to annuitants out of the income of the Fund during the year, arising from interest on the Fund, and payments by subscribers thereto	1,505 00

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, namely:		
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (excepting three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church, which are not accompanied by mortgages)		$83,565 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	$13,250 00	
Deduct this amount, which the Board believe cannot be collected	6,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good		7,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested by this Board, on bond secured by mortgage	$250 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year	$200 36
And there has been paid for printing Minutes, papers, &c	318 23
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod	$4,825 93

ABM. VAN NEST, *President.*
THEO. FRELINGHUYSEN, W. B. CROSBY, } *Directors.*

NEW YORK, *May* 31*st*, 1858.

So much of the above report of the Board of Direction and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund, was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. William B. Crosby, *President;* Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen and Peter R. Warner, *Directors;* and Mr. John I. Brower, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following report was received from the *Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., the* delegate appointed to attend the late meeting of the

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

The undersigned begs leave to report to the General Synod, that, in pursuance to his appointment as delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, he attended the recent session of that body at New Orleans, La., where he was cordially welcomed, and had the pleasure to receive very kind expressions of fraternal feeling toward himself, and especially toward the Church which it was his privilege to represent.

The proceedings of the Assembly were animated, but harmonious, and our brethren were rejoicing in the evidences of the large measure in which their Church had received the signal blessing recently bestowed upon the people of God in all parts of our favored land. The good wishes expressed by your delegate were fully reciprocated by the presiding officer of that body, and there seems no reason to doubt that the bonds of brotherhood between them and us as Churches of the same faith and order, will be strengthened rather than impaired by the lapse of time and the developments of Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

TALBOT W. CHAMBERS.

NEW YORK, *June 7th*, 1858.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that having examined the statements of the Corresponding Delegate of General Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, they are happy to testify to his cordial reception, and the manifestation of feelings of entire harmony and fraternity. The bond of brotherhood which has so long united their body with our own, seems to have lost none of its strength, and the desire for each other's peace and prosperity to be unabated. A continuance of the correspondence is earnestly recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. WILSON, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. George H. Fisher, D.D., *Primarius;* Rev. J. Mason Ferris, *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a Committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Edward P. Simpson, Ransford Wells, D.D., and the Elder, Samuel B. Schieffelin.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be referred to the Committee appointed on the devotional exercises of the Synod.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed accordingly.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully report:

In the review of God's dealings with the Church during the past year, she has unwonted occasion to adopt the language of the royal Psalmist, and say, "I will sing of mercy and judgment; unto thee, O Lord, will I sing." Seldom before has our Zion presented such a record of mingled grief and gladness, as that which makes up this annual summary. Three prominent points arrest the attention, as we peruse that record.

First: The sudden, severe, and as yet unexplained monetary crisis, with its subsequent prostration of business, which swept over the land after a season of unusual prosperity, and while yet the husbandman was rejoicing over his abundant harvests. Perhaps our country has never felt, to the same extent, the effects of financial embarrassment, and probably never expected them less, than at the moment when they burst upon us. The bearings of such an event upon the Church, in all her movements, especially in her plans for extension and enlargement, are too obvious for remark. But whilst we were yet singing of "judgment," behold! the song of thanksgiving is interposed. Temporal disasters are speedily followed by abounding spiritual mercies. The hand of God, visible in the rebuke of our prevailing worldliness, and pride, and self-sufficiency, is no less manifest in the awakening and conversion of sinners, and the revival of religion in the hearts of his people. The Spirit of God was poured out upon the churches. They have increased in numbers and in strength; and increasing also in the graces of Christian liberality, self-denial, and sacrifice, the treasury of the Lord has not wanted for the offerings of grateful hearts. This is *the second point* of marked interest in our review.

A third point, in which judgment and mercy are still blended, in

results of infinite wisdom and goodness, carries our thoughts upward from earth to heaven, from the visible to the invisible Church, from the field of conflict to the mansions of rest. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." And the Church has more interest in the departure of those who, within her bosom, have ripened for glory, than merely the interest of a mourner. They are so many witnesses, who have sealed their testimony to the sufficiency of Divine grace. They are so many compeers who have preceded, and await us in the better land. They are so many answers to the Saviour's prayer, "Father, I will that those whom thou hast given me be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory which thou has given me." The legacy of their grateful memories remains, without the possibility of their faltering or failure to mar it. The greatness of their reward may stimulate our endeavors; and that they have so soon and suddenly departed, admonishes us also that the time for labor is short, while the period of rest is eternal.

We gather up from the reports of the churches those particulars which may fall under these several heads.

1. *Benevolence.*

The reported contributions of the churches for religious and benevolent objects have reached an aggregate of $102,388.16, which is $7,622.28 *less* than the amount reported in June, 1857. This diminution is probably much less than was generally expected in the earlier months of the ecclesiastical year. Considering the very extraordinary state of things in all departments of business and industry during the autumn and most of the winter—the monetary embarrassments and losses of the rich—the suspended industry of artisans and mechanics—the low prices and uncertain markets of agricultural products—we think the result has shown no decrease, but an actual advance in the benevolence and liberality of the Church. This will be the more apparent if we compare the report now presented with that of the year 1856, which will show a gain of $26,490 in favor of the year just closed.

Your Committee regard it, then, as an occasion for gratitude, and a ground of encouragement, that, whilst the hand of God has been stretched out over our land, teaching us the instability of all earthly possessions, he has nevertheless made provision that the cause of Christian benevolence should suffer so little; and we fain would hope and believe that He has done this mainly by teaching his people, more than ever before, the responsibility and right uses of wealth, when possessed.

But your Committee cannot forbear remarking upon the fact, that, with an aggregate amount of benevolent contributions reaching to $102,388.16, only some $48,000 has passed through the channels of our several Boards. We would be far from restricting the benevolence of the Church to its own appointed operations and agencies; but when those agencies extend, as they now do, to the various departments of *Home and Foreign Missions*, Education, Publication, and Sabbath

Schools, and when some of these Boards of the Church are crippled in their efforts by want of funds, and are largely sustained in their present operations by individual liberality, we submit if it is not being more generous than just to give them so much *less than one-half* of the whole amount of our benevolent contributions. Surely this is not the method pursued by other churches; and we would commend to the consideration of pastors and churches the question, Whether, in view of the full equipment of our own Church for the work committed to her hands in the various departments of Christian activity, the time has not come for giving to the claims of her own Boards that prominence and preference which they have a right to expect?

2. *State of the Churches.*

With much more than ordinary interest and gratitude, we pass to consider the state of the churches, as exhibited in the reports for the year. Here we find no falling off of numbers, or declension in the evidences of piety, to be accounted for and mourned over, but almost uniformly the signs of promise, the expressions of hope, and the fruits of grace, to gladden our hearts and animate the song of our thanksgiving. The footing up of the statistical tables would give a very inadequate view of the extent and richness of the blessings which the Lord hath granted. Many precious sheaves had not yet been garnered when the annual summary was made up. Many tokens of the Divine presence and favor, though felt and seen, could not be measured or recorded in words. Of the fruits of that awakening which has made the year to be memorable, a large proportion will doubtless be reported among the accessions of the following year. And yet the record shows a gain to the membership of the Church, by confession, of 4,260—being an excess over the gain of the past year of 1,690. The goodness of God in this may be the more observable, when we remember that the accessions of 1857 exceeded those of 1856 only by 19.

But it is in the detailed statements of the Classes that we find the most cheering evidence of the extent and power of this work of Divine grace. In the Synod of New York one Classis after another takes up the same strain, and echoes and re-echoes the exclamation of adoring gratitude, "What hath God wrought!" From the Synod of Albany comes back the response, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." And the Synod of Chicago sends no discordant note, but, in the tidings of the Spirit's presence, and the Church's increase, joins in that song of the "watchmen, who lift up their voice," as "with their voice together they do sing."

It is becoming to us, as it is also pleasing and profitable, to dwell upon those marked manifestations of the Divine goodness which the Church has enjoyed and is enjoying. The history of the beginning and progress of this revival is instructive and peculiar. The history of its extent, continuance, and blessed results, we hope, may be long delayed by the still accumulating materials which shall crowd the records from year to year. Your Committee would not presume so far as to attempt, in a paper like this, a detailed statement of all that is already known

of the ways of God in this great and glorious work of his grace. But the Psalmist, concluding his survey of the goodness of God in his wonderful works to the children of men, assures us, that "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord." For the increase of our faith, and for the encouragement of our efforts and prayers, as well as for the generations that come after us, it is wise to notice and record some significant facts.

1. The beginning of this work was sudden, in its outward manifestations. In the language adopted in one of the reports, "When the Lord turned again our captivity, we were like unto them that dreamed." But it would be wrong to conclude that it was a deep, unbroken slumber of worldliness which immediately preceded the awakening. With many of God's people, and their pastors, there had been months and years of grief and mourning over apparently fruitless ministrations and barren ordinances. The deepening solicitude found expression and relief at the throne of grace, and when prayer becomes earnest it prompts to activity. But still the tide of activity swept on. The urgent appeals of truth seemed to fall upon listless ears, until God interposed, by the dealings of his providence, and by the effusion of the Spirit. As when the viewless wind, in the blast of a tornado, rocks the forest, overturning the loftiest monarchs of the wood, and bearing down in their fall all meaner growth, so an invisible Hand, in a storm of disaster, prostrated the pride of the rich and the confidence of the poor, that "both high and low, rich and poor, together," might learn at length that "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and he addeth no sorrow with it." The coincidence in time would seem of itself to point to a connection between the temporal embarrassments and the spiritual prosperity which succeeded. But surely it is no extraordinary thing for God to make the afflictions which he sends the instruments for accomplishing his gracious designs. Judgment and mercy are often blended in his dealings, that the greatness of the latter may inspire the sentiment and augment the volume, while the former deepens the tone of that song of thanksgiving which we offer.

As a record of the beginning of that manifestation of the Spirit's presence, over which a revived Church is now rejoicing, we quote an extract from the Consistorial Report of the Collegiate Church of New York, as follows:

"For a few years past the lower part of the city, in the vicinity of our North Church, in Fulton Street, has been changing into a field of commercial and business pursuits. The families regularly attached to the Church, and under our pastoral care, have become quite few. The Consistory, viewing the spiritual wants of that part of the city, resolved to employ a pious, judicious layman to explore that section, and invite the poor to the house of God and the Sabbath School; and also to visit public houses and boarding houses, to invite to the free seats in our sanctuary. His labors have been faithful and successful; the attendance on the Sabbath services has been at least doubled. In the lecture room, *at his suggestion*, the noonday prayer meeting originated, which

gradually increased, and has spread until, under the Divine blessing, the present state of things spread throughout our churches, and through our land, is realized; concerning which we may well exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" Thus it appears that the providence of God has immediately connected with one of our own churches the commencement of this great movement, and the origin of a meeting most happy in its conception and most blessed in its results."

It appears, further, both from this extract and many other intimations in the reports, that united prayer and conference have been the prominent means employed in the beginning and progress of this revival. "In many of the churches where God has poured out his Spirit, the awakening has commenced in connection with, and as the immediate result of, special seasons of prayer for the descent of the Holy Ghost." Thus God has taught us anew the value of prayer, and what is our resource and refuge when the ways of Zion languish, and few come up to her solemn feasts. He has also in this whole work remarkably owned and blessed the personal efforts of Christians in bringing sinners to the Saviour. Nor has he failed to put especial honor upon his appointed ordinances and the preaching of his truth in simplicity and godly sincerity. He has signally rebuked the devices of men when they would be wiser than God, and place their reliance upon an arm of flesh, upon expedients, measures, or men, departing from the truth as it is in Jesus, and from the law of God's house in the order and decency of his worship. Never, perhaps, with so extensive an awakening has there been so little excitement, so little sounding of trumpets, and crying, "Lo here!" and "Lo there!" There has been a depth of feeling and solemnity wholly incompatible with noise and extravagance. The Word of God read and preached, with united prayer and individual efforts to do good, have been the means which God has blessed.

2. And these characteristics of the revival are marked in its effects upon the churches. It is believed that the general tone of piety among professed Christians has been deepened. The sense of personal responsibility, and the obligation to be fruitful in good works, has taken a firmer hold upon the hearts of God's people. Notwithstanding the pressure of the times, we have reports of church edifices renovated, and rebuilt, and multiplied. Peace prevails throughout our borders. Difficulties and divisions have been healed, and alienations removed. No judicial cases have come up to any of the Synods. The doctrines of the Church seem to have been faithfully preached, and her order carefully observed.

Your Committee are pleased to find, from the reports, that increased attention has been paid to the instruction of the young in Sabbath schools and Bible classes, and that God has blessed this instrumentality, in the conversion of many both of teachers and scholars. It would be yet more gratifying if we had similar testimonials of increased fidelity in catechetical instruction on the part of parents and pastors. The whole number of Sabbath school scholars reported, is 40,282, while the number of catechumens is 16,484. The catechisms of the Church are generally taught in the Sabbath schools. But we hope the impression will

never prevail, that this agency can supersede the God-appointed and untransferable obligation and duty, of parental and pastoral care and diligence, in the religious training of the young.

In all this extended statement of the spiritual condition of the Church we have unusual occasion to "Sing of mercy," for even in churches which report few accessions, or none, there are yet grounds of encouragement and expressions of hope. In view of it all, your Committee conceive that the attitude which the Church ought now to assume, is that of adoring gratitude for abounding mercies to those so unworthy —not as if we had already received all that we ought to expect or desire—not as if the blessing was already exhausted, and God had no more to give, and his people no more to ask or seek after—not as if we had reason for complacency with ourselves, much less for boasting, but humbled under a deep sense of our own short-comings, we yet rejoice in the goodness of God, and, taking encouragement from the past, we animate each other to greater diligence and devotion, thus responding to the exhortation of the Apostle, that highest and tenderest appeal to Christian love and gratitude, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The crisis of the Church, the glorious displays of Divine love and power, the presence of the Holy Spirit, all plead with us to be up and doing, and to be earnest in prayer, that "the hope of Israel may not be to us as a wayfaring man, that turneth aside to tarry for a night," but that He may delight to dwell with his people, until Zion shall become the joy and praise of the whole earth.

3. *Removals by Death.*

But strains of chastened grief and sadness mingle with the swelling notes of gratitude. We are impressively reminded that this is not our home, and the Church on earth is but the preparation for the Church triumphant in heaven. Death has made sad havoc within our bounds during the year. Seven hundred and ninety-four of the members of our communion have been removed from their labors and conflicts, to the rest of the redeemed. And while this large deduction has been made from our membership, including an unusual number of elders and efficient supporters of the churches, fearful breaches have also been made in the ranks of the ministry. From our Theological School the learned and gifted Dr. John Ludlow has passed away. From the active ministry Abraham Polhemus, D.D., a man of noble mould, with a nobler spirit; the venerated John Knox, D.D., a model of Christian wisdom and fidelity, who, after a long and successful ministry, was suddenly called, while yet his eye was undimmed and his natural force unabated. And quite as suddenly, the genial, warm-hearted, untiring, and eminently beloved and useful pastor of the Church in which we are now convened, James Scott, D.D.; these, from the scenes of their active labors, have entered into rest; while Robert J. Blair, after years of

sickness and suffering, and Dr. Cornelius D. Westbrook, whose name is associated with the activities of a former generation, and Rev. Thomas Romeyn, a man full of the Holy Ghost, having served his generation faithfully for many years, have ceased to be numbered among the living. Monitory voices come to us from the graves of the dead, and whether as ministers, elders, or members, it becomes us to pause in the review of the year, and consider how short our time is.

4. *Recommendations.*

Your Committee have had occasion to observe, with regret, that the recommendations of last General Synod, to the Classes, and Particular Synods, and Stated Clerks, in relation to their reports and statistical tables, have been only partially regarded. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes and Particular Synods be called to the resolutions of General Synod on page 154 of Minutes of 1857.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Particular Synods be requested to prepare, and insert in their printed Minutes, a tabular summary of the statistical tables of their respective Synods.

Resolved, That this Synod would earnestly invite the attention of pastors and Consistories to the great disproportion in their benefactions, as between our own Boards and foreign objects, and urge upon them the propriety and necessity of turning a larger share of their benevolent contributions into the channels of our own operations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. B. VAN ZANDT, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last report.	Communicants. Rec'd. On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd. On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Contributions. Congregational purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York	T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2700	....	58	40	44	..	22	1023	38	3	400	70	5	1464	808	$15,325 43	$	116 Ninth St, N. Y. East 37th St., " 60 West 36th St., N. Y.
Broome Street	P. Stryker	170	850	185	34	25	8	..	4	232	14	5	160	32	1	220	180	1,765 16	4,050 00	34 Dominick St., "
Central, Ninth Street	A. B. Van Zandt	70	.....	66	12	10	4	..	2	81	...	..	....	....	1	120	90	.....	.....	69 St. Marks Place, "
Greenwich	N. J. Marselus, (S.C.) and U. Marvin	300	1500	....	36	5	19	..	3	441	17	9	150	53	1	351	250	260 82	4,525 00	46 Hammond St., " 732 Greenwich St., "
Seventh Avenue	W. R. Gordon	....	.....	128	12	7	3	..	2	142	2	1	20	40	1	120	80	220 72	2,600 00	161 West 13th St., "
Twenty-first Street	A. R. Van Nest, Jr.	112	575	209	14	11	13	..	3	206	15	3	75	75	1	259	120	833 42	3,442 75	115 West 23d St., "
North West, 23d St	H. D. Ganse	170	850	125	42	28	6	..	1	188	31	10	110	33	1	125	115	1,432 56	5,200 00	66 West 29th St., "
Ger. Evan. Miss. Church	J. C. Guldin	....	900	609	75	8	13	..	8	679	59	1	80	....	2	375	350	646 07	1,461 58	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	F. N. Zabriskie	75	350	50	15	9	2	..	..	72	9	1	138	72	1	160	68	216 50	.....	17 West 27th St., "
Mt. Pleasant, Fiftieth St	C. M. Jameson	55	225	75	14	13	3	..	2	100	6	5	....	....	1	160	125	111 00	.....	
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	200	1000	70	4	2	1	..	3	62	2	..	175	...	1	....	....	.....	.....	180 Ninth Avenue, "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	154	750	226	4	8	5	..	2	231	4	2	100	....	1	150	....	801 22	2,700 00	
Washington Heights	C. Whitehead	32	160	30	12	3	4	..	1	46	15	2	....	....	1	49	....	42 00	.....	
Harlem Ger. Ref. Church	Vacant	....	.....	....	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Mott Haven	Vacant	....	.....	....	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
3d Ger. Ref. D. Ch., N. Y.	H. A. Friedel	50	170	54	37	1	...	..	1	91	17	1	15	....	1	135	90	65 00	.....	18 Renwick St., N. Y.
Staten Island	J. B. ownlee	160	800	....	5	4	6	1	3	201	20	1	....	150	1	200	....	756 00	.....	Port Richmond, S. I.
Richmond, (S. I.)	T. R. G. Peck	55	160	50	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Huguenots, (S. I.)	T. B. Gregory	22	110	26	1	2	...	..	..	29	4	..	21	36	1	110	65	108 00	205 00	Rossville, S. I.
Tottenville, (S. I.)	Vacant	....	.....	....	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	2075	11100	1903	375	176	131	1	57	3818	263	44	1454	521	21	3998	2341	$22,593 90	$24,184 33	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Drs. Hardenburgh, Van Pelt and Vermeule, and Rev. A. N. Kittle, J. Mulligan, E. H. May, H. Bielfeld, F. Zastera, and W. C. Brownlee, D.D., (*Emeritus.*)

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Stapleton	A. R. Thompson	....	....	205	45	12	19	..	4	239	20	2	80	....	2	506	324	.....	.....	Stapleton.
Tompkinsville	P. M. Brett	75	350	137	42	6	5	..	2	178	21	7	150	30	2	219	150	$483 00	$1,500 00	Tompkinsville.
South Dutch	J. M. Macauley	150	800	252	10	3	5	..	4	256	7	3	....	....	1	200	125	1,290 00	9,500 00	New York City.
Market Street	T. L. Cuyler	200	1200	482	64	20	15	1	4	546	13	17	260	....	2	455	....	3,350 00	4,100 00	New York City.
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	180	1000	345	32	11	28	..	2	358	23	2	360	44	3	440	390	3,315 57	8,400 00	New York City.
Manhattan	Ebenezer Wiggins	70	224	....	25	5	8	..	1	102	11	5	130	100	1	300	180	50 00	1,188 00	New York City.
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (S. C.)	70	300	159	18	2	14	..	7	158	17	2	50	....	1	160	100	160 00	1,300 00	Williamsburgh.
Courtlandtown	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Peekskill	C. D. Buck	39	....	45	9	5	1	..	2	56	3	2	....	....	1	65	45	81 39	711 79	Peekskill.
Sixth Avenue Ref. Prot. Dutch	Vacant	68	400	88	...	4	6	..	..	86	....	..	117	....	1	200	140	134 27	3,091 30	
German Ref. Prot. Dutch	A. Berky	70	....	159	28	..	....	..	1	186	85	..	20	20	1	106	85	45 94	439 61	New York City.
German Reformed	J. S. Ebaugh	50	....	109	46	..	....	..	1	154	29	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	....	New York City.
	Total	974	4274	1981	319	68	101	1	28	2319	229	40	1167	194	15	2651	1539	$8,864 23	$29,791 09	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Mathews, Rev. Robt. Kirkwood, Rev. Chas. Knouse, Rev. Jno. Alburtis, Rev. Joseph McKee, Rev. John B. Steele, Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of University of New York City, and Rev. Robt. A. Quin, Chaplain of Sailor's Snug Harbor.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
First Raritan	Abraham Messler	185	1017	431	12	5	2	..	9	436	10	1	50	....	..	265	....	.....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
First New Brunswick	Samuel B. Howe	....	....	429	23	3	10	..	2	443	19	3	....	22	3	176	....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	160	935	248	7	4	4	..	4	251	8	6	75	30	7	313	....	$685 00	.....	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	180	....	337	8	6	3	..	2	340	14	1	100	....	6	....	....	750 00	.....	Millstone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	140	650	217	9	7	8	1	4	221	14	2	60	50	5	200	....	422 00	.....	Pluckamin, "
White House	Smith Sturges	150	770	91	13	6	1	..	..	110	13	1	....	...	5	....	....	.....	.....	White House, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburg	170	860	200	3	3	1	..	..	205	16	..	50	....	5	170	....	112 00	.....	Lebanon, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	99	462	88	7	12	2	..	2	103	14	2	60	45	1	80	70	157 37	.....	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick, (S. C.)	150	700	289	30	8	17	2	6	302	11	9	115	..	4	200	175	691 10	.....	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. A. Van Doren	96	480	183	8	19	11	..	4	193	8	1	50	....	1	200	175	639 12	.....	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	E. P. Livingston	84	435	135	8	3	11	..	3	132	15	2	50	70	2	112	85	417 40	.....	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	H. N. Wilson	113	....	173	15	12	19	..	1	180	7	4	64	....	1	112	80	436 11	.....	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	H. V. Voorhees	67	....	102	2	11	24	..	2	80	9	..	....	....	..	....	40	.....	.....	Bound Brook, "
Peapack	H. P. Thompson	94	409	111	3	8	3	..	1	118	5	..	35	....	1	....	....	80 00	.....	Peapack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	100	450	115	8	3	5	..	..	121	13	4	30	....	1	75	....	.....	.....	Somerville, "
Third Raritan	James LeFevre	120	600	156	30	16	10	..	..	182	12	8	80	100	1	160	105	232 60	.....	Raritan, "
Easton	C. H. Edgar	38	....	75	1	...	10	..	..	66	...	..	....	....	1	73	....	89 68	.....	Easton, Pa.
Third New Brunswick	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
East Millstone	G. Van Dewall	36	....	31	4	16	...	..	1	50	5	1	10	....	1	..	35	126 70	.....	Millstone, "
Warren	J. H. Oerter	38	180	50	27	3	2	..	1	77	5	..	10	10	1	36	25	15 00	.....	Warrenville, "
Metuchin	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Metuchin, "
	Total	2020	7948	3455	218	175	144	3	42	3610	198	45	839	327	46	2172	790	$4,853 08	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Alex. McClelland, D.D.; John Proudfit, D.D.; J. W. Serenbetz, John Vanderveer, D.D.; William J. Thompson; Robt. Julien; C. R. Von Romondt; William H. Steele; H. B. Stryker; James A. H. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Bergen	Benj'n C. Taylor	280	1400	316	15	14	22	3	13	308	28	1	175	18	1	260	200	$1,442 00	$1,980 00	Hudson, Hudson Co., N. J.
English Neighborhood	A. B. Taylor	87	370	82	...	...	2	4	1	75	2	..	..	50	3	125	100	118 54	.....	English Neighborhood "
Hackensack	Alex'r H. Warner, (S. C.)	100	500	115	8	2	1	..	3	121	7	1	84	20	1	120	100	260 00	.....	Hackensack, Bergen Co. "
Schraalenbergh	Vacant	160	700	148	5	1	1	..	2	151	13	..	120	40	4	200	150	287 16	.....	Schraalenburgh " "
Belleville	T. D. Talmage	173	750	185	47	7	2	..	1	236	4	21	140	100	2	200	150	241 00	.....	Belleville, Essex Co., "
First Jersey City	D. H. Riddle	90	450	72	12	13	2	2	1	94	5	5	120	35	1	140	120	610 00	4,400 00	Jersey City, Hud. Co., "
Bergen Neck	A. L. Stillwell	75	375	65	1	1	2	..	..	62	19	..	25	12	2	120	80	137 00	1,000 00	Salterville, " " "
First Newark	James Scott	300	1200	526	65	14	35	..	3	567	29	9	144	26	1	244	200	833 00	8,000 00	Newark, Essex " "
Irvington	Vacant	42	210	35	10	8	1	..	..	54	6	6	40	27	1	100	75	.....	.....	Irvington " " "
New Durham	W. V. V. Mabon	118	557	89	3	1	4	1	2	86	13	1	75	30	1	150	90	335 00	.....	New Durham, Hud. " "
First Van Vorst	P. D. Van Cleef	153	700	192	33	28	9	..	2	242	22	8	106	40	1	289	235	1,238 28	3,304 00	Jersey City, " " "
Second Newark	Gustavus Abeel	100	500	166	16	6	17	..	1	170	10	2	70	20	1	180	140	336 98	.....	Newark, Essex " "
Third Newark	F. A. Lehlback	105	530	270	88	80	89	1	11	266	331	..	40	40	1	110	85	12 50	.....	Newark, " " "
Hoboken	*Alexander M. Mann	55	275	41	3	4	...	..	1	47	7	..	47	8	1	60	35	123 16	.....	Hoboken, Hudson " "
Third Jersey City	Vacant	30	150	49	...	...	27	..	..	22	...	..	90	7	1	140	100	.....	.....	Jersey City " " "
German North Bergen	Charles Becker	40	50	60	5	...	2	..	..	50	31	..	10	22	1	65	40	.....	.....	New Durham, " " "
Hudson, N. J.	†Vacant	40	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Hudson, " " "
Bergen Point	Charles Parker	54	250	43	10	8	...	..	1	60	1	2	....	....	1	50	40	.....	.....	Bergen Point, " " "
Franklin	‡Vacant	54	300	40	4	2	...	..	1	46	4	4	106	24	1	140	105	20 00	.....	Franklin, Essex " "
German, Hoboken	L. Mohn	45	120	26	22	4	1	..	..	51	44	..	16	25	1	65	45	20 00	.....	Hoboken, Hudson " "
Second Hackensack	James Demarest, Jr.	65	325	29	8	4	1	..	1	39	14	..	100	63	1	112	80	386 44	6,720 00	Hack'sack, Bergen " "
North Church, Newark	Vacant	40	200	38	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Newark, Essex " "
German, Jersey City	C. S. Dœppenschmidt, Miss'y	...	88	34	20	1	3	..	..	49	63	..	6	6	2	75	50	.....	.....	Jersey City, Hud. " "
German, Hackensack	Charles Becker	11	....	....	29	...	. .	..	..	29	3	..	....	....	..	...	...	.....	.....	Hack'sack, Bergen " "
	Total	2217	10,000	2621	404	198	321	11	44	2615	656	60	1515	613	29	2951	2220	$6,411 06	$25,404 00	

* Pastor elect. † Report of last year. ‡ Supplied by Rev. P. Talmage.

Ministers without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. John Garretson, Cor. Sec'y B. D. Miss.; John L. Chapman, Teacher; Matthias Lusk; A. W. McClure, Sec'y Am. and Foreign Christian Union; James M. Bruen; James Romeyn, Emeritus; Calvin Selden; Cornelius Blauvelt; John S. Jeralmon, Miss'y to China, and F. L. King.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Clarkstown	Peter J. Quick	100	400	147	3	2	6	..	6	140	14	2	20	28	1	60	50	$247 89	$	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	Isaac D. Cole	120	500	134	3	..	1	..	1	135	20	1	25	25	1	40	....	130 00	.....	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Acquacknock	J. Paschal Strong	210	1100	216	17	10	4	..	6	233	26	2	60	....	1	120	100	500 00	.....	Passaic, N. J.
1st Church of Totowa	Philip Peltz, (S. C.)	140	750	....	40	12	22	..	4	153	20	..	120	60	1	184	150	375 50	1200 00	Paterson, N. J.
2d Church of Totowa	John H. Duryea	150	700	230	9	3	2	..	4	236	22	1	80	20	2	220	175	160 00	1000 00	Paterson, N. J.
Paramus	E. T. Corwin	192	864	161	10	3	3	..	3	168	15	1	20	50	1	60	....	262 00	760 00	New Prospect, N. J.
Pascack	John T. Demarest	72	....	68	1	5	2	..	..	72	10	..	20	15	1	....	....	21 00	.....	Pascack, N. J.
Saddle River	John Manley	No	Report	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
West New Hempstead	Peter Allen	70	315	70	9	2	..	..	1	80	6	4	....	....	1	60	....	62 52	3500 00	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Ramapo	*Vacant	No	Report	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Warwick	F. H. Vanderveer	75	....	86	1	3	1	..	1	88	..	..	....	....	1	60	....	80 00	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack	Daniel Lord	125	500	163	20	5	4	..	3	181	3	..	80	40	1	175	150	80 46	2039 90	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont	A. D. Lawrence Jewett	80	400	81	16	1	4	..	..	94	6	..	40	40	1	130	100	530 00	.....	Piermont, N. Y.

* Pastor elect, Rev. William Demarest.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. William R. Bogardus. *Candidate.*—W. G. Haselbarth, Nyack, N. Y.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Recd. On Confession	Recd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Brooklyn	A. P. Van Geison	113	565	161	12	16	7	..	1	181	5	..	60	35	2	130	100	$1,978 10	$3,824 17	Brooklyn.
Flatbush	T. M. Strong	90	500	129	1	3	..	..	4	129	14	..	25	....	1	126	80	924 99	3,950 00	Flatbush.
New Utrecht	R. O. Currie	80	450	135	9	3	5	..	2	140	17	..	60	15	2	164	140	.....	.....	New Utrecht.
Gravesend	A. I. Labagh	65	350	102	2	2	3	..	..	103	8	1	35	...	2	....	....	.....	.....	Gravesend.
Flatlands	J. T. M. Davie	73	360	80	2	....	..	..	1	81	3	..	30	....	2	120	90	.....	.....	Flatlands.
New Lotts	J. M. Van Buren	60	300	98	...	1	2	..	3	94	6	..	40	30	1	60	40	125 64	.....	East New York.
East New York	Anson F. Munn	62	350	88	2	2	3	..	3	86	8	..	40	....	1	160	130	446 00	1,791 00	East New York.
South Brooklyn	J. H. Manning	34	150	24	3	5	..	..	..	31	4	..	30	25	1	63	50	50 00	1,236 43	Brooklyn.
Middle Brooklyn	N. E. Smith	205	1050	314	53	26	16	..	4	373	22	11	....	73	1	358	247	883 50	9,840 00	Brooklyn.
Gowanus	N. P. Pierce	85	425	94	4	6	7	..	1	96	8	1	50	....	1	161	100	282 00	1,782 00	Brooklyn.
North Brooklyn	A. Elmendorf	180	900	197	58	42	10	4	7	276	19	12	154	40	1	298	209	751 00	3,150 00	Brooklyn.
On the Heights	G. W. Bethune	210	1400	344	59	36	13	..	6	420	29	12	385	416	4	695	440	4,312 36	13,850 00	Brooklyn.
New Brooklyn	Conrad Dickhaut	40	180	99	10	...	..	..	..	106	15	..	25	12	1	73	60	.....	.....	East New York.
East Brooklyn	Jacob West	54	250	62	9	6	4	..	..	73	2	..	88	74	1	170	93	147 88	1,152 26	Brooklyn.
	Total	1351	7230	1927	224	148	70	4	32	2189	160	37	1022	720	21	2578	1779			

Ministers without Charge.—R. D. Van Kleeck; M. W. Dwight, D.D.; B. R. Hall, D.D.; D. McL. Quackenbush, S. C., in charge of Chapel on the Heights.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Jamaica	John B. Alliger	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	Thomas C. Strong	160	800	*166	8	5	..	..	5	174	9	1	75	30	3	260	175	$ 881 19	$4,550 00	Newtown, L. I.
Oyster Bay	J. A. De Baun	95	682	116	4	...	1	1	3	115	3	3	....	35	1	30	....	160 00	.....	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	46	4	3	..	..	2	51	4	3	....	12	1	40	30	100 00	.....	Manhasset, L. I.
Williamsburgh	Elbert S. Porter	190	900	242	33	16	4	2	3	282	15	12	225	30	2	550	375	1,000 00	5,000 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Astoria	William H. Ten Eyck	62	300	81	4	...	..	..	..	85	3	2	65	25	1	92	....	1,038 97	1,800 00	Astoria, L. I.
Green Point	Goyn Talmage	80	400	77	12	11	2	..	2	96	5	5	....	50	1	150	....	100 00	.....	Green Point, L. I.
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, (S. C.)	70	325	58	2	4	3	..	1	60	9	..	10	25	1	70	50	314 72	1,825 00	Flushing, L. I.
South Bushwick	John S. Himrod	60	.....	47	5	3	4	..	1	51	10	..	....	25	1	120	90	100 00	... ...	Williamsburgh, L. I.
Church on Lee Avenue	Wm. W. Halloway	132	675	135	24	29	5	..	3	177	18	2	400	80	1	1400	800	775 00	.....	Williamsburgh, L. I.
East Williamsburgh	J. McClelland Holmes	50	250	24	11	5	..	..	2	38	6	3	40	15	1	135	100	200 00	1,160 00	Williamsburgh, L. I.
2nd Ch. Newtown, (Ger.)	Conrad Dickhaut, (S. S.)	24	80	50	11	...	..	..	1	60	6	..	6	6	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Queens	.....	50	.....	....	1	13	..	..	..	14	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John W. Ward; Rev. E. R. Atwater; Rev. P. S. Williamson; Rev. Jefferson Wynkoop; Rev. John Gray.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Benevolent Contributions.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.		
First Church, Poughkeepsie	*G. M. McEkron	....	.....	321	...	...	11	..	10	300	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Poughkeepsie.
Second Church, Poughkeepsie	C. S. Hageman, (S. C.)	105	450	106	9	3	3	..	3	112	13	5	25	50	1	100	80	$ 563 45	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill	F. M. Kip	....	.....	152	8	4	2	..	3	159	5	3	74	26	1	98	70	530 28	Fishkill.
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	90	450	200	9	2	2	..	5	204	4	7	....	....	3	140	115	200 00	Adriance.
Rhinebeck	Wm. A. Miller	180	.....	262	5	2	3	..	4	262	2	..	140	70	3	165	120	368 14	Rhinebeck.
New Hackensack	C. Van Cleef	120	650	222	6	2	..	..	1	229	..	4	....	40	3	75	60	168 20	New Hackensack.
Fishkill Landing	J. H. Suydam	85	385	98	20	21	7	..	2	130	7	4	60	45	1	120	95	363 00	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	....	.....	....	...	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	H. Dater	85	400	160	4	5	5	1	3	160	5	2	50	25	3	60	....	78 21	Hyde Park.
Glenham	J. H. Bevier	34	200	88	2	2	1	1	3	78	2	1	50	35	1	82	60	64 00	Glenham.
Cold Spring	Vacant	....	.....	....	...	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	Cold Spring.
	Total	699	2535	1609	63	41	34	2	34	1634	38	26	399	241	16	840	600	$2,395 28	

Ministers without Charge.—S. Van Vechten and W. A. Cornell. *Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Harlingen	John Gardner	150	750	198	2	3	5	..	3	195	17	..	50	150	6	300	250	$ 435 50	$1,726 00	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	John Van Liew	180	900	210	4	4	....	..	8	210	18	..	50	....	5	200	....	488 59	971 00	Readington.
New Shannock	Gabriel Ludlow	180	800	192	1	2	10	..	9	176	9	..	90	75	5	150	....	323 87	.....	Ne-Shanic, N. J.
First Church, Philadelphia	A. A. Willets	200	1000	388	33	10	13	..	10	408	14	9	275	22	3	510	460	1,446 87	6,000 00	Philadelphia.
Second do do	J. F. Berg	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Do.
Third do do	W. J. R. Taylor	120	....	....	9	1	13	1	4	172	6	4	150	65	2	200	150	1,000 00	6,000 00	Do.
N. & S. Hampton	A. O. Halsey	182	900	....	38	2	3	..	10	330	12	17	60	....	8	500	....	324 79	4,300 00	Richboro, Pa.
Blawenburgh	Theo. B. Romeyn, (S. C.)	90	....	....	6	2	*27	..	1	124	5	..	40	50	5	100	....	600 00	.....	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	H. Doolittle	100	500	161	23	..	5	..	5	174	6	5	97	50	3	144	....	107 00	.....	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk	Wm. Fulton	55	200	108	13	2	1	1	3	118	9	4	10	18	1	120	100	.....	.....	Manayunk, Pa.
Rocky Hill	M. L. Schenck	54	300	....	3	2	2	..	1	43	4	..	....	40	1	75	60	79 00	.....	Rocky Hill, N. J.

* 25 to the new organization at Rocky Hill.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Peter Labagh, D.D.; Rev. C. P. Wack; Rev. Jno. Talmage, Foreign Missionary. ***Candidate.***—Henry J. Brown.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Boardville	James E. Bernart, Miss'y	45	225	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	20	....	2	60	45	$ 17 00	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	107	82	...	5	..	..	184	5	22	10	12	2	150	100	.....	.....	Little Falls, N. J.
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank	60	300	70	13	2	...	..	1	84	11	1	20	20	1	80	60	.....	$30 00	Little Falls, N. J.
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	180	850	167	6	5	3	..	6	169	5	..	50	40	5	175	150	227 76	.....	Montville, Morris Co., N.J
Pompton Plains	J. Ferguson Harris	173	865	195	1	5	...	..	..	201	10	..	70	75	4	270	140	.....	.....	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton	John Gaston	125	650	187	10	...	3	..	2	*140	6	1	50	75	3	180	130	265 60	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins	77	190	52	...	...	...	..	1	51	7	..	9	10	1	30	26	.....	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Preakness	John A. Staats, (S. C.)	83	415	65	3	...	3	..	3	62	3	..	97	24	1	97	61	40 00	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Stone House Plains	P. Stryker Talmage	90	450	....	25	2	3	..	..	73	6	8	40	....	1	90	....	50 50	.....	Bloomfield, N. J.
Wyckoff	Abraham G. Ryerson	100	450	89	17	1	.	..	2	105	13	1	30	15	1	50	45	45 00	.....	Paterson, N. J.
	Total	1013	4,795	932	157	15	17	..	15	1069	66	33	396	271	21	1182	757	$645 86	$30 00	

* 52 names withheld in accordance with Synod's provision.—Minutes of 1857, page 191.

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Hudson	D. D. Demarest	140	600	169	4	7	5	..	4	171	5	2	120	....	1	160	....	$559 33	$2,000 00	Hudson, Columbia Co., N. Y.
1st Church, Claverack	Ira C. Boice, (S. C.)	200	1000	306	13	1	9	..	3	308	6	3	....	15	4	200	175	180 87	1,000 00	Claverack, " " "
2nd Church, Claverack	J. H. Pitcher	110	590	75	22	6	2	..	..	101	2	3	25	30	3	....	....	79 50	.....	Mellenville, " " "
Linlithgow	Chas. I. Shepard	160	900	198	4	2	4	1	2	197	8	..	39	20	6	240	180	.....	4,310 44	Livingston, " " "
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	71	230	84	3	2	3	..	4	82	2	..	...	....	1	....	....	70 00	.....	Upper Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
Germantown	Abr. H. Myers	70	350	107	24	..	..	..	7	124	14	1	10	40	1	50	35	37 35	687 00	Germantown, Columbia Co., N. Y.
Greenport	Horace W. Finch	85	425	76	26	..	..	..	1	101	7	2	....	....	2	100	70	36 00	484 50	Hudson, " "
Taghkanic	Wm. Lyall	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Tarrytown	Abel T. Stewart	92	....	....	1	1	..	..	1	167	3	..	35	60	1	103	75	$ 300 83	$2,622 95	Tarrytown, Weschester Co., N. Y.
Second Tarrytown	John A. Todd	96	475	167	10	4	10	..	2	169	7	1	38	80	1	120	80	1,152 00	5,612 00	" " "
Unionville	Wm. S. Moore, (S. C.)	45	200	....	5	....	1	..	4	88	..	2	25	....	1	35	....	109 24	665 00	Neperan, " "
Greenburgh	Wm. S. Moore	35	140	....	....	....	..	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	1	25	....	20 74	300 00	" " "
Greenville	Aaron A. Marcellus	44	200	53	5	1	1	..	..	58	4	..	20	12	1	40	35	31 00	340 00	Scarsdale " "
Yonkers	Victor M. Hulbert	95	475	108	31	4	15	..	8	120	6	8	50	50	1	110	80	162 00	.....	Yonkers, " "
Hastings	Philip Phelps, Jr.	58	....	42	6	8	4	..	1	51	10	1	....	....	1	72	43	431 78	2,015 00	Hastings, upon Hudson, "
Fordham	James Bolton	50	250	34	8	5	..	..	..	47	9	..	30	44	1	75	50	76 44	968 82	Fordham, Westchester Co., "
Mount Vernon	Isaac M. See	38	....	68	11	3	9	..	2	71	7	2	....	48	1	90	64	100 00	978 46	Mount Vernon, " "
West Farms	Polhemus Van Wyck	65	375	60	9	4	7	..	2	66	5	2	53	120	1	175	125	.....	.....	West Farms, " "
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt,	50	100	38	6	14	5	..	1	52	3	1	....	5	1	40	30	.....	.....	Bronxville, " "
Melrose, (Ger.)	Earnst Schroepfer	65	260	120	18	.	21	..	14	152	21	..	22	13	2	50	....	4 00	.....	Morrisania, " "
*New Rochelle, (Ger.)	.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	733	....	....	110	44	73	..	35	1057	75	17	275	432	13	935	582	$2,388 03	$13,502 23	

* New organization.

Minister without Charge.—B. Van Keuren.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Freehold	Ralph Willis	90	450	135	6	1	4	.	1	136	12	2	40	45	2	70	50	$207 00	$ 580 00	Marlboro', Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold	Ezra W. Collier	90	450	133	15	11	3	..	3	153	7	7	53	42	1	95	70	830 56	1,903 90	Freehold, " "
Middletown	Wm. Reiley	110	550	101	7	..	4	..	1	103	..	2	....	....	..	...	....	221 86	.....	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood	A. Van Dewater	45	200	69	7	..	3	..	1	72	4	6	....	....	4	200	150	16 00	.....	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., "
Middletown Village	A. C. Millspaugh, (S. C.)	65	360	109	1	7	1	..	..	116	2	1	35	15	1	55	35	550 00	110 00	Middletown, Monmouth Co., "
Keyport	Samuel Lockwood	45	200	41	..	1	4	..	2	38	4	..	25	25	1	50	33	.. ....	.....	Keyport, " "
Long Branch	James B. Wilson	42	205	33	2	2	..	..	1	37	2	1	14	16	2	52	40	50 00	205 34	Long Branch, " "
Colt's Neck	Jacob S. Wyckoff	60	300	43	6	4	1	..	..	52	7	4	20	10	1	50	40	64 29	.....	Colt's Neck, " "

Minister without Charge.—Rev. Garret C. Schenck. *Candidate.*—Jeremiah Searle, Jr.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT, (INDIA.)

No Report.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Church of Albany	E. P. Rogers	200	1000	437	19	25	3	..	2	476	10	9	150	40	1	250	175	$3,393 00	$5,300 00	Albany.
2d Church of Albany	I. N. Wyckoff, (S. C.)	233	1204	548	11	15	23	..	8	540	39	1	126	50	1	220	130	1,884 39	3,500 00	Albany.
3d Church of Albany	A. Dickson	100	300	194	12	18	2	..	2	220	8	..	....	....	1	175	80	212 29	1,700 00	Albany.
Bethlehem	J. Simonson	180	900	258	5	4	..	..	5	262	7	..	82	103	5	197	140	268 85	1,311 50	Cedar Hill.
2d Bethlehem	J. A. Lansing	108	530	139	4	4	3	..	..	141	8	1	20	....	2	120	90	340 21	1,000 00	Albany.
Union	J. M. Compton	45	205	41	..	7	3	..	2	46	9	..	19	9	1	40	30	33 90	430 00	Union Church.
Jerusalem	J. M. Compton	78	351	74	..	..	..	..	2	75	4	..	49	9	1	37	25	39 53	400 00	Union Church.
Coeymans	H. B. Gardiner	100	600	77	5	..	3	..	1	76	4	..	60	15	2	70	60	65 17	.....	Coeymans.
New Baltimore	H. B. Gardiner	78	390	78	4	8	2	..	2	86	6	3	36	115	2	115	90	100 00	653 00	New Baltimore.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	50	300	95	1	14	3	..	2	105	12	1	....	....	..	50	30	.....	375 00	New Baltimore.
Salem	A. G. Lansing	92	425	136	3	49	2	..	1	188	12	9	41	15	1	85	38	86 07	300 00	Salem.
Clarksville	A. G. Lansing	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Clarksville.
Westerlo	F. Dyer	70	350	116	..	41	5	..	4	140	3	30	....	15	4	150	90	.....	.....	Westerlo.
Berne	Vacant	56	330	84	1	..	4	..	1	80	..	..	40	16	1	50	40	.....	.....	Berne.
German Church	H. F. Schnellendruessler	13	51	38	2	2	2	1	..	34	..	..	3	13	1	90	55	89 68	17 03	Albany.
Knox	Vacant	....	....	32	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Van Vechten, D.D., J. P. Pepper, G. G. Sill.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Blue Mountain	Vacant	73	320	54	2	..	1	..	5	50	8	..	20	20	1	70	45	$ 20 00	.....	Saugerties.
Catsban	H. Ostrander	100	600	133	16	1	..	..	4	146	17	4	....	....	2	....	....	184 23	.....	do.
Esopus	Jas. McFarlane	190	900	186	5	2	..	1	1	191	5	1	71	36	2	84	75	121 00	1014 00	Amesville.
Flatbush	Jno. Gosman	120	650	201	14	..	..	..	2	213	13	..	....	25	3	75	..	50 00	75 00	Glasco.
Kingston	J. C. F. Hoes	200	1000	427	22	10	11	..	12	436	14	1	80	40	2	180	130	926 63	.....	Kingston.
North Esopus	C. L. Van Dyck,	100	520	109	2	4	1	..	..	114	11	..	60	30	1	220	103	134 00	660 14	Port Ewen.
Plattekill	N. F. Chapman, (S. C.)	158	900	199	9	..	6	..	3	199	31	1	65	...	3	130	95	102 00	600 00	Glasco.
Saugerties	J. Elmendorf	118	426	126	27	6	2	..	1	156	5	7	....	60	1	125	100	757 30	1063 09	Saugerties.
Skokan	Wm. R. S. Betts,	60	....	105	..	5	1	..	..	109	2	..	15	63	1	....	30	14 29	.....	Shokan.
Shandaken		15	....	35	..	..	3	..	..	32	3	..	8	....	1	30	....	5 85	.....	do.
West Hurley	A. Gulick	55	250	63	4	3	1	..	2	67	9	3	20	....	2	120	....	.....	.....	West Hurley.
Woodstock	W. L. James	66	264	65	2	1	2	..	1	65	3	..	....	....	2	....	50	.....	.....	Woodstock.

Ministers without Charge.—Abraham Fort, A. C. Hillman, Ephraim Depuy, Wesley Taylor.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bloominggrove	L. H. Van Dyck	80	...	62	..	..	..	..	1	61	5	..	....	25	1	86	....	$81 55	$724 45	Defreestville.
Castleton	E. P. Stimson	100	....	129	5	3	..	..	2	135	10	..	....	....	1	50	....	75 00	1,100 00	Castleton.
Chatham	E. Holmes	75	....	72	6	8	2	..	1	83	6	2	30	25	2	90	....	102 00	1,200 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
First Ghent	W. W. Letson	60	....	....	1	1	..	..	..	62	6	..	....	20	4	85	...	25 00	550 00	Ghent.
Second Ghent	J. H. Van Woert, (S. S.)	113	....	133	14	..	..	..	4	143	10	1	....	35	1	86	....	200 00	588 85	Hudson.
Greenbush	J. R. Talmage	160	....	191	10	..	1	..	2	198	3	..	50	50	4	120	....	170 00	.....	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook	Jas. R. Berry	200	....	....	56	13	6	..	4	290	8	12	100	50	3	150	...	610 00	.....	Kinderhook.
Nassau	R. H. Steele	160	....	210	55	4	4	..	4	253	10	19	40	50	5	200	....	200 00	1,200 00	Nassau.
New Concord	H. E. Decker	55	....	53	1	6	..	..	..	60	..	..	30	30	1	35	....	30 00	300 00	East Chatham.
Schodack	B. F. Snyder	206	...	253	5	2	2	..	3	255	6	..	40	40	3	150	....	190 00	1,125 00	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	E. Nevius, (S. C.)	110	....	100	..	1	2	..	1	98	2	..	...	....	1	70	....	216 00	815 00	Stuyvesant.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		Post Office Address.
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Auriesville	Vacant	80	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Auriesville.
Caughnawaga	D. Van Olinda, (S.C.)	150	800	128	11	..	2	..	2	135	22	..	...	...	3	130	130	$150 00	$700 00	Caughnawaga.
Canajoharie	Vacant	100	375	90	52	11	..	..	..	153	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Canajoharie.
Columbia	E. S. Hammond	50	200	75	9	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	Columbia.
Currystown	J. J. Quick	75	340	69	..	..	2	..	1	66	2	..	16	20	1	...	...	89 75	.....	Root.
Mapletown	J. J. Quick	100	400	72	2	4	..	..	..	78	..	..	...	...	2	...	...	69 19	.....	
Fultonville	R. Wells	94	425	...	1	4	2	..	1	35	2	..	...	...	1	40	...	35 00	1200 00	Fultonville.
Fort Plain	Vacant	100	550	80	..	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Fort Plain.
Florida	John Claney	112	560	140	..	..	..	..	..	151	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Minaville.
Fort Herkimer	Vacant	50	...	30	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Fort Herkimer.
Ephrata	Vacant	70	300	62	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Palatine Bridge.
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	95	390	59	..	2	2	..	2	57	2	..	...	12	1	70	50	70 00	800 00	Glen.
Hagaman's Mills	J. L. Pearce	50	200	97	3	4	4	..	3	77	1	1	40	60	1	60	40	60 80	.....	
Manheim	Paul Weidman	54	268	54	..	..	..	..	..	79	5	..	...	12	1	28	20	22 00	.....	Manheim.
Mohawk	J. W. Hammond	55	275	32	5	..	2	..	1	34	..	2	20	60	1	60	40	32 27	.....	Mohawk.
Port Jackson	Vacant	50	200	40	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Port Jackson.
Stone Arabia	Vacant	100	500	164	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	Palatine Bridge.
St. Johnsville	J. Kneiskern	100	500	164	1	1	2	..	.	164	7	..	...	15	2	120	90	.....	.....	St. Johnsville.
Herkimer	C. S. Mead	220	1100	320	12	..	1	..	9	323	23	2	10	...	5	165	...	.....	.....	

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

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Schoharie	C. E. Crispell	94	450	138	4	5	5	..	4	138	2	1	41	40	3	125	65	$114 57	$652 03	Schoharie.
Middleburg	E. Vedder, (S. C.)	75	400	90	5	2	..	..	..	97	5	2	25	25	3	150	130	129 77	704 71	Middleburg.
Schoharie Mt	E. Vedder, (S. S.)	41	120	41	1	..	..	..	1	41	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	110 00	Middleburg.
Berne	J. C. Van Liew	60	....	67	16	4	4	..	2	81	1	3	8	10	2	130	100	44 00	325 00	Berne.
Beaver Dam	J. C. Van Liew	55	....	58	2	..	..	..	..	60	..	2	6	12	2	75	60	13 50	325 00	Berne.
Lawyerville	H. A. Raymond	80	350	69	..	..	3	..	2	64	2	..	12	20	1	35	28	18 00	410 00	Lawyerville.
Sharon	H. A. Raymond	100	500	100	..	..	..	..	..	100	2	..	15	20	1	40	....	37 00	400 00	Lawyerville.
Gilboa	Vacant	140	650	179	27	5	5	3	3	206	1	12	25	50	1	175	145	.....	105 00	Gilboa.
N. Blenheim	Wm G. E. See	43	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	North Blenheim.
Eminence	Wm. G. E See	19	90	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	North Blenheim.
Breakabin	Wm. G. E. See, (S. S.)	26	105	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	North Blenheim.
Gallupville	G. Lane	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Gallupville.
Cobleskill	Vacant	20	80	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cobleskill.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Scribner, Wm. A. Benedict. Elihu Doty, Missionary to China.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Schenectady	J. H. Seelye	294	1400	373	40	4	14	..	6	416	7	12	65	....	1	228	185	$939 54	$2,097 85	Schenectady.
Second Schenectady	I. G. Duryee	110	600	98	19	12	3	..	1	127	6	3	....	20	1	140	105	81 83	1,153 83	Schenectady.
Third Schenectady	W. F. Schwilk	50	225	95	23	..	11	..	1	106	8	..	....	....	1	49	39	48 16	578 00	Schenectady.
Niskayuna	C. L. Wells	100	500	167	1	2	5	..	1	165	..	..	15	20	4	100	70	30 00	450 00	Niskayuna.
Lisha's Kill	C. L. Wells	61	305	105	2	..	5	..	..	102	1	..	12	15	2	80	60	70 00	350 00	Lisha's Kill.
Amity	R. L. Schoonmaker	82	410	129	9	1	..	..	2	136	8	3	....	....	3	100	....	110 00	2,000 00	Visscher's Ferry.
First Glenville	P. H. Burghardt	180	900	171	67	1	2	..	4	233	5	27	110	90	4	180	140	94 55	750 00	Glenville.
Second Glenville	E. Slingerland	100	500	....	..	2	..	..	..	73	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Scotia.
First Rotterdam	C. Jukes	100	500	82	5	..	4	..	1	82	4	1	20	20	2	30	....	30 00	.....	Hoffman's Ferry.
Second Rotterdam	C. Spalding	90	300	85	1	..	..	..	..	86	7	..	20	30	2	70	50	33 00	650 00	Schenectady.
Helderbergh	W. P. Davis	180	600	205	5	..	5	..	2	188	20	..	25	....	3	200	....	75 00	.....	Guilderland Centre.
Princetown	D. B. Hall, (S. S.)	80	400	86	..	..	..	..	3	83	..	..	....	20	3	90	75	8 00	310 00	Dunnsville.
Day	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	West Day.

Ministers without Charge.—David B. Hall, and Abraham J. Switz, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Owasco	Wilson Ingalls,	105	560	123	4	1	9	..	..	119	..	2	....	80	2	75	....	$76 50	$600 00	Owasco.
Syracuse	Vacant	85	350	119	..	..	..	..	..	100	3	..	....	25	..	150	100	247 04	1,800 00	Syracuse.
Canastota*	Vacant	50	....	25	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Canastota.
Utica	G. H. Fisher	80	320	189	7	3	10	..	2	187	..	..	....	....	..	164	...	840 18	3,019 78	Utica.
Lysander*	Vacant	....	....	31	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lysander.
Thousand Isles	Geo. Rockwell,	75	300	20	1	..	..	..	1	20	3	1	....	17	3	100	....	7 33	200 00	Alexandria, Jeff. Co.
Cicero	Vacant	28	100	55	3	..	1	..	5	41	..	1	....	....	..	40	....	.....	.....	Cicero.
Owasco Outlet	S. R. Brown,	54	250	95	25	8	7	..	2	119	..	5	....	22	3	130	100	260 16	418 82	Auburn.
Chittenango	S. P. M Hastings, (S. C.)	114	500	76	3	..	2	..	1	76	5	1	100	35	2	160	110	144 84	1,000 00	Chittenango.
West Leyden	John Boehrer	15	49	30	11	1	1	1	1	37	21	1	19	35	1	39	16	9 18	167 50	West Leyden.
Naumburg	Wm. Wolfe	44	170	98	11	..	..	2	..	107	6	..	13	40	2	48	48	33 69	700 00	Naumburg, Lewis Co.
New Bremen	Wm. Wolfe	29	145	66	7	..	..	..	1	63	1	..	....	...	1	36	36	1 85	36 08	Naumburg, Lewis Co.

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Minister without Charge.—Rev. W. J. Bradford.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Berea	Jas. B. Ten Eyck	70	350	....	1	..	8	..	4	73	5	..	....	....	..	....	....	$61 50	.....	St. Andrews.
Montgomery	Robt. P. Lee	175	1050	....	5	3	3	..	8	300	22	1	145	120	..	....	....	590 00	.....	Montgomery.
Shawangunk	Charles Scott, (S. C.)	225	1100	278	13	..	6	..	7	278	29	4	106	114	4	225	190	326 00	$1,500 00	Bruynswick.
New Prospect	Wm. Hamilton	120	550	....	10	8	2	..	5	141	10	2	55	57	1	80	55	177 76	.....	Ulsterville.
Deerpark	S. W. Mills	100	500	....	8	4	6	..	..	87	4	7	....	...	1	90	47	121 41	.....	Port Jervis.
Newburgh	M. N. McLaren	90	450	157	1	15	11	1	2	159	8	..	115	105	1	173	125	470 00	1,675 00	Newburgh.
Minisink	David A. Jones	39	150	61	5	1	4	..	3	60	2	1	8	14	2	65	46	69 00	270 00	Montague, N. J.
New Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	900	113	12	6	5	..	4	122	9	1	141	62	5	200	150	294 00	1,253 00	New Hurley.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	95	500	....	14	6	10	..	3	148	12	4	100	80	1	120	100	342 50	950 00	Walden.
Walpack	Robert Pitts, (S. S.)	129	545	195	11	3	3	..	1	205	10	5	....	....	4	220	190	26 04	.....	Delaware, Pa.
Bloomingburgh	Vacant	107	535	....	3	3	20	..	3	148	13	1	....	...	1	82	82	149 11	.....	Bloomingburgh.
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	140	550	122	29	4	4	1	2	148	4	7	....	30	1	175	175	223 52	.....	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh	Jeremiah Searle	100	525	121	56	7	4	..	2	178	3	36	40	25	2	110	80	255 46	775 00	Woodbourne.
Wawarsing	N. D. Williamson	150	760	146	14	1	4	..	7	150	4	4	80	70	4	194	135	123 85	.. ...	Napanoch.
Grahamville	Vacant	70	340	109	..	..	..	..	..	109	..	..	....	....	1	35	25	.....	.....	Grahamville.
Mamakating	Stephen Searle	70	350	92	10	5	..	..	..	107	3	1	60	30	4	100	70	40 80	.....	Wurtsborough.
Upper Neversink	Vacant*	30	145	16	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	2	35	25	.....	.....	Claryville.
Middleport	Nathan W. Jones	100	500	30	20	2	..	..	..	52	12	10	....	....	1	55	30	.....	.....	Kerhauksen.
Cuddebackville	Henry Morris	50	200	25	6	..	2	..	1	28	2	5	15	25	2	50	35	25 00	.....	Cuddebackville.
Jeffersonville	Julius Hones, (S. S.)	16	60	40	1	..	1	..	..	40	17	..	20	....	..	....	....	2 36	.....	Jeffersonville.
Thumansville	Julius Hones, (S. S.)	18	55	24	1	..	..	..	..	25	20	..	30	....	1	20	20	3 00	.....	Callicoon Centre.
Second Ellenville	J. P. Pfister	40	200	64	12	..	7	2	2	65	13	..	12	....	1	45	45	12 83	.....	Ellenville.

Ministers without Charge.—H. Slauson, J. Boyd and W. S. Heyer (Newburgh), and Wm. Youngblood (Montgomery).

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CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Athens	W. D. Buckelew	70	357	87	10	1	..	..	..	97	..	5	..	....	2	....	100	$ 247 50	$ 700 00	Athens.
Catskill	R. B. Welch	225	1060	236	122	6	4	..	4	356	13	50	174	90	5	300	220	250 00	1400 00	Catskill.
First Church, Coxsackie	J. C. Dutcher	195	950	340	8	..	4	..	5	344	4	3	....	....	3	140	100	.....	.....	Coxsackie.
Second do do	John Steele, (S. C.)	85	450	122	6	4	..	..	3	127	6	2	30	....	1	60	40	206 30	1000 00	do.
Kiskatom	Calvin Case	75	290	110	19	2	1	..	2	128	12	3	30	20	2	65	...	25 00	550 00	Kiskatom.
Leeds	S. T. Searle	95	450	138	9	5	7	..	2	143	9	2	50	30	3	120	90	225 00	900 00	Leeds.
Moresville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Moresville.
Prattsville*	Wm. Johns	50	300	....	....	..	..	..	..	59	..	..	....	....	1	80	...	.....	.....	Prattsville.
Roxbury*	Wm. E. Turner	68	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	62	..	..	....	18	1	65	....	.....	.....	Roxbury.

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CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, (S.C.)	142	550	190	15	2	3	..	1	203	8	4	57	40	4	200	150	$444 64	$855 06	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Farmer	B. Bassler	100	500	142	2	4	1	..	5	142	3	..	....	37	1	100	80	206 40	4,462 28	Farmer, "
Geneva	J. A. Collier	150	600	165	3	9	1	..	6	170	5	..	50	100	1	150	100	439 41	1,244 42	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Ithaca	J. W. Schenck	90	317	120	13	1	6	..	2	126	6	2	50	23	1	102	70	426 35	1,857 39	Ithaca, Tompkins Co.
Arcadia	Vacant	20	100	....	..	..	1	..	2	29	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Arcadia, Wayne Co.
Tyre	J. R. Van Arsdale	50	260	61	..	2	2	1	..	60	2	..	20	....	2	75	....	22 00	400 00	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
Caroline	J. Whitbeck	45	150	52	1	2	1	..	1	53	3	..	....	20	1	40	30	29 00	250 10	Slaterville, Tompkins Co.
Wolcott	C. Gates	40	150	....	2	..	..	..	1	41	7	1	25	....	1	30	20	40 53	.....	Fair Haven, Cayuga Co.
Waterloo	Vacant*	40	60	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	....	....	1	60	35	.....	.....	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
First Buffalo	J. L. See	25	100	27	1	2	3	..	..	27	2	..	25	15	1	60	45	60 00	350 00	Buffalo.
Second do	Vacant	22	86	46	2	2	..	1	1	48	8	..	13	17	..	....	....	.....	.....	Buffalo.
Pulteneyville	A. K. Kasse	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	E. Williamson, Wayne Co.
Rochester	W. C. Wust	114	456	228	29	29	11	..	3	272	35	..	125	....	..	....	....	475 81	753 95	Rochester, box 1356.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewold	35	100	61	8	..	2	..	1	66	13	..	20	22	1	45	40	30 00	170 00	Clymer, Chatauque Co.
Cato	A. G. Morss, (S. S.)	23	50	23	3	8	..	..	..	31	..	1	....	....	..	....	....	11 75	461 16	Cato, Cayuga Co.
Mina Corners	Vacant	19	102	37	2	..	..	..	..	39	14	..	25	12	1	25	20	9 00	63 00	

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Ministers without Charge.—R. W. Knight, J. Hammond, (Emeriti,) J. Beattie and James Abell.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bloomingdale	J. R. Lente	72	288	100	2	2	..	..	3	101	8	..	30	....	1	45	31	$38 18	.....	Kingston.
Clove	J. N. Voorhees	150	740	100	9	4	10	..	2	101	11	..	16	....	2	50	....	.....	.....	High Falls.
Dashville Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Guilford	J. N. Jansen	150	750	99	11	1	2	..	2	107	9	3	50	50	4	80	....	262 63	$719 00	Tuthill.
Hurley	B. C. Lippencott	72	432	98	19	..	..	1	2	114	5	5	40	35	1	72	60	185 67	550 00	Hurley.
Second Church, Kingston	A. Dubois, (S. C.)	70	255	94	7	11	12	..	1	100	8	..	30	20	1	130	80	163 13	1,047 00	Kingston.
Marbletown	J. L. McNair	160	800	143	13	4	3	..	4	153	11	2	100	40	4	200	120	576 37	2,587 00	Stone Ridge.
New Paltz	C. H. Stitt	212	1200	211	15	3	4	..	2	223	16	7	208	290	6	325	....	586 08	1,247 00	New Paltz.
N. Marbletown	B. C. Lippencott, (S. S.)	101	505	65	16	2	2	..	..	79	12	4	....	....	2	70	60	54 25	350 00	Hurley.
Rochester	C. Wyckoff	200	750	163	6	1	3	..	3	163	15	4	30	...	5	200	....	332 58	661 76	Accord.
Rosendale	J. R. Lente	52	242	42	2	1	..	..	1	43	3	..	30	....	1	50	30	30 26	.....	Rosendale.
Samsonville	Vacant	75	375	39	1	..	4	..	..	35	2	..	20	....	1	....	....	20 00	.....	Samsonville.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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West Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	550	286	24	9	3	..	3	316	3	11	20	40	1	160	110	$412 67	$1,500 00	West Troy.
South W. Troy	G. L. Roof	80	350	101	8	4	4	..	..	109	4	..	....	....	1	120	110	183 50	1,805 48	West Troy.
Wynantskill	J. Stevenson	40	120	66	14	..	..	..	1	79	..	5	12	15	1	38	20	80 00	760 00	Wynantskill.
Boght	J. Du Bois,	64	300	90	4	..	..	..	2	92	3	1	...	....	1	40	30	100 00	600 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. Van Brunt	70	300	82	1	5	..	..	2	86	3	1	12	12	1	65	50	40 00	832 00	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (S. C.)	90	400	121	16	11	..	..	2	146	8	4	50	....	1	140	110	402 50	1,475 00	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	Vacant	40	200	62	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	West Troy.
Union Village	C. Van Santvoord	100	450	183	21	3	6	..	1	202	1	7	....	....	..	....	....	269 99	1,498 76	Greenwich.
Saratoga	Vacant	80	320	120	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	1	...	30	.....	.....	Schuylerville.
Tiosslock	J. B. Shaw	55	250	91	13	2	8	..	..	98	..	7	35	60	..	....	....	142 00	.....	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton	Vacant*	50	200	35	5	..	..	..	..	40	..	1	....	....	1	50	50	10 00	300 00	North Easton.
Schagticoke	Vacant†	40	160	64	..	..	2	..	2	60	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	30 00	380 00	Schagticoke.
Northumberland	G. McCartney	70	250	110	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	30 00	400 00	Bacon Hill.
Gansevoort	G. McCartney	30	120	29	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	15 00	200 00	
Jackson	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Fort Miller	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

* Supplied by A. G. Cochran. † Supplied by R. Van Brunt.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John Smith and Rev. J. Birkby.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Battle Creek	Vacant	40	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	....	....	..	50	....	.....	.....	Battle Creek, Michigan.
Centreville	Jos. H. Kershow	30	....	41	3	6	..	..	..	51	8	1	....	40	3	....	....	$61 83	$250 00	Centreville, St. Joseph's County, M'h.
Constantine	Wm. Bailey, (S. C.)	60	....	49	4	1	2	..	1	51	..	3	25	....	1	65	....	30 00	350 00	Constantine, " " "
Grand Rapids	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Grand Rapids, Kent " "
Jefferson	C. A. Evans	40	....	14	4	..	2	..	..	16	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Sparta, Hillsdale " "
Macon	H. Heermance	32	....	36	5	3	1	..	1	42	1	1	....	15	1	55	....	4 34	.....	Macon, Lewanee " "
Mottville	W. Bailey	40	....	34	6	1	..	1	1	39	..	3	12	....	..	....	....	10 00	100 00	Constantine, St. Joseph's " "
Ridgeway	H. Heermance	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Ridgeway, Lewanee " "
South Bend	W. T. Van Doren	20	....	14	..	3	..	..	..	17	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	South Bend, Indiana.
Redford	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	262	....	188	22	14	5	1	3	246	9	8	37	55	5	170	...	$106 17	$700 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Revs. John G. Tarbell and J. H. Sheffield.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Fairview	Wm. Anderson	135	....	148	13	15	2	..	1	172	29	3	50	200	2	186	147	$336 00	$1,600 00	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	Aaron Lloyd, (S. C.)	60	....	....	2	7	4	..	..	40	11	..	10	20	2	160	110	138 00	1,300 00	Pekin, Tazewell "
Spring Lake	S. A. Bumstead	20	....	21	14	2	1	..	..	36	.. 1	5	....	40	2	90	....	31 25	.....	" " "
Vandeveer*	A. B. Ayres	....	....	24	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	20	30	1	40	...	.....	.....	Pleasant Pl's, Sangamon Co. Ill.
Raritan	C. D. Eltinge	37	....	29	..	6	..	..	..	35	6	..	30	....	2	52	....	2 60	.....	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Silver Creek	J. M. Wagner	106	....	...	29	1	1	1	1	40	44	..	27	25	3	62	....	68 00	1,080 00	Freeport, Ill.
Burlington	Vacant	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Burlington, Iowa.
Bushnell	Vacant	22	....	....	2	13	1	..	..	22	4	1	....	....	1	25	...	4 00	800 00	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Quincy	C. E. Conrad, Miss'y	80	....	....	18	5	..	..	..	23	3	.	14	14	1	30	30	.....	.....	Quincy, Ill.
Keokuk	Vacant	30	...	...	11	3	..	..	..	14	15	..	20	....	1	30	25	.....	560 00	Keokuk, Iowa.
	Total	490	....	222	89	52	9	1	2	406	113	9	171	329	15	675	312	$579 85	$5.430 00	

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Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.; Rev. J. H. Morris, Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Drenthe	Vacant	....	....	....	2	3	....	..	..	60	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, Michigan.
Graafschap	Vacant	17	....	....	2	6	2	..	..	35	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Fillmore, Allegan Co. Mich.
Grand Rapids	Vacant	63	....	....	17	2	2	..	..	....	40	..	50	....	1	80	....	$ 52 00	.....	Grand Rapids, "
Grand Haven	P. J. Oggel	114	....	186	36	11	18	..	7	208	51	..	125	....	..	125	....	434 00	$1,457 73	Grand Haven, "
Holland	A. C. Van Raalte, (S. C.)	158	....	334	10	17	7	4	8	346	46	..	145	....	1	....	....	1,229 45	1,029 80	Holland, Ottawa Co. "
Kalamazoo	H. G. Klyn	67	....	....	11	14	16	2	5	115	13	..	96	....	1	70	....	.....	.....	Kalamazoo, "
Noordeloos*	Vacant	11	....	23	....	....	....	..	..	23	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Holland, Ottawa Co. "
Overyssel*	G. J. Nykerk	50	....	125	....	....	....	..	..	125	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Overyssel, " "
Vrieland	A. Zwemer	74	....	....	5	6	2	..	2	100	24	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, " "
Zeeland	C. Van der Meulen	172	....	....	10	6	18	..	..	302	....	..	110	....	..	....	....	300 00	1,000 00	" " "
	Total	726	....	668	93	65	65	6	22	1314	175	..	526	....	3	275	....	$2,015 45	$3,487 53	

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Minister without Charge.—Rev. J. Van Vleck, Principal of the Holland Academy.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent purposes.	Congregational purposes.	
Franklin*	Vacant	23	....	67	...	..	..	..	..	67	...	..	24	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Franklin, Milwaukie Co., Wis.
Alto	H. Stobbelaar	43	....	82	9	6	..	1	5	91	8	..	84	....	..	....	....	$11 75	.....	Alto, Wisconsin.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Holland	W. Van Leûwen	50	....	66	8	..	..	..	5	129	23	..	70	80	..	....	....	27 00	.....	Holland, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
Oostburg*	K. Van der Schuur	80	....	110	...	..	..	..	..	110	...	..	50	....	..	....	....	26 21	.....	Oostburg, " "
Gibbsville*	Vacant	25	....	58	...	..	..	..	..	58	...	..	20	....	..	....	....	2 80	.....	Gibbsville, " "
Bethlehem	Vacant	23	....	....	3	1	3	..	..	....	3	..	24	....	..	....	....	5 08	.....	Bethlehem, Milwaukie P. O.
Milwaukie	S. Bolks, (S. C.)	104	....	206	29	12	31	1	10	230	30	1	75	100	1	100	74	130 30	.....	Milwaukie, Box 449.
Chicago, First Church	Vacant	25	...	....	3	1	8	..	9	52	8	..	30	....	..	....	....	35 02	.....	Chicago, Illinois.
Chicago, Second Church	J. M. Ferris	20	....	19	2	4	5	..	..	20	4	1	50	16	1	98	55	52 00	.....	Chicago, Illinois.
High Prairie	M. A. Ypma	30	....	....	24	14	5	2	..	81	14	..	....	....	..	....	....	61 00	.....	Thornton, Cook Co., Ill.
Low Prairie	M. A. Ypma	62	....	....	16	4	..	1	6	114	19	..	70	....	..	....	....	40 65	.....	" " "
	Total	485	....	608	95	42	52	5	41	952	109	2	497	196	2	198	129	$391 81	.....	

*Last year's Report.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1858.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptized. Infants.	Baptized. Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools	Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
New York	22	29	..	..	2075	11100	375	176	3818	263	44	1454	521	21	2341	$22593 00	$ 24184 33	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of New York	12	18	..	..	974	4274	319	68	2319	229	40	1167	194	15	1539	8864 23	29791 00	" S. H. Mocker.
New Brunswick	21	29	..	..	2020	7948	218	175	3610	198	45	839	327	46	790	4853 08	.....	" J. F. Mesick.
Bergen	24	27	..	..	2217	10000	404	198	2615	656	60	1515	613	29	2220	6412 00	25464 00	" A. H. Warner.
Paramus	13	13	1	..	1334	5529	129	46	1580	142	11	465	273	12	725	2549 37	8499 90	" P. Feltz.
South Long Island	14	18	..	..	1351	7230	224	148	2189	160	37	1022	720	21	1779	9901 47	40575 86	" D. McL. Quackenbush.
North Long Island	13	16	..	..	1063	4862	119	89	1203	88	31	821	333	13	1620	4669 88	14335 00	" G. H. Mandeville.
Poughkeepsie	11	11	..	..	699	2535	63	41	1634	38	26	399	241	16	600	2395 28	.....	" C. S. Hageman.
Philadelphia	11	14	1	..	1311	5350	131	27	1950	100	39	822	472	39	1020	3805 62	18997 00	" Theo. B. Romeyn.
Passaic	10	10	..	..	1013	4795	157	15	1069	66	33	396	271	21	757	645 86	30 00	" J. A. Staats.
Hudson	8	8	..	..	836	4095	96	18	1084	44	11	194	105	18	260	957 05	8481 94	" Ira C. Boice.
Westchester	13	12	..	..	733	2475	110	44	1057	75	17	273	432	13	582	2388 03	13502 23	" W. S. Moore.
Monmouth	8	8	1	..	537	2655	44	26	707	38	23	187	153	12	418	1939 71	2799 24	" A. C. Millspaugh.
Arcot	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	" W. W. Scudder.
Albany	16	14	..	..	1463	7036	67	187	2469	122	54	616	400	23	1073	5513 09	14986 53	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster	12	14	..	..	1255	5830	103	32	1678	121	17	339	274	21	628	2325 30	3311 23	" N. L. Chapman.
Rensselaer	11	11	..	..	1319	.....	153	38	1638	66	34	290	310	26	.....	1909 55	7603 30	" E. Nevius.
Montgomery	19	11	..	..	1755	6983	96	26	1482	64	5	86	179	19	370	428 91	1700 00	" D. Van Olinda.
Schoharie	13	9	..	..	753	2945	55	16	787	13	20	130	177	13	528	356 84	3031 74	" E. Vedder.
Schenectady	13	12	..	..	1427	5640	181	22	1797	69	46	267	215	26	724	1540 08	8339 68	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga	12	8	..	..	679	2744	72	13	869	39	11	132	254	14	410	1620 77	7942 18	" S. P. M. Hastings.
Orange	22	22	..	..	2109	10315	222	68	2639	202	89	927	810	39	1625	3324 14	6423 00	" Charles Scott.
Greene	9	8	..	..	763	3857	174	18	1316	44	65	284	132	18	550	953 80	4550 00	" J. Steele.
Kingston	12	10	..	..	1314	6337	101	29	1219	100	25	554	435	28	381	2249 15	7161 76	" A. Dubois.
Saratoga	16	12	..	..	924	3070	106	34	1228	22	37	129	127	8	490	1715 66	9751 24	" C. N. Waldron.
Geneva	16	16	..	..	916	3641	81	61	1322	107	8	410	280	15	590	2194 80	10967 36	" G. J. Van Nests.
Michigan	10	7	..	..	262	.....	22	14	246	9	8	37	55	5	170	106 17	700 00	" Wm. Bailey.
Illinois	10	9	..	..	490	.....	89	52	406	113	9	171	329	15	675	579 85	5430 00	" A. Lloyd.
Holland	10	7	..	..	726	.....	93	65	1314	175	....	526	....	3	275	2015 45	3487 53	" A. C. Van Raalte.
Wisconsin	12	6	..	..	485	.....	95	42	952	109	2	497	196	2	129	391 81	.....	" S. Bolks.
Total	393	389	3	42	32742	132236	4099	1788	46197	3472	847	14959	8834	551	22269	$99199 00	$272986 05	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes would respectfully report:

The Minutes of the last General Synod, and of the Extra Session, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and of Chicago, were placed in our hands, and were carefully examined.

They find nothing in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York to which to direct the attention of this General Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany they find, upon page 6, the following reference to General Synod:

The following minute from the Classis of Schoharie was referred to the action of the General Synod:

Mr. Thomas L. Shaeffer, a member of the Reformed Dutch Church, and long an elder in the Church, appeared before Classis and stated his desire to preach the Gospel, while his age precludes the practicability of a regular course of preparatory study. After hearing Mr. Shaeffer's views, and a full exchange of views of the members of Classis on the subject, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Classis ask a dispensation of General Synod in behalf of Mr. Thomas L. Shaeffer, from the studies of Hebrew and Greek, and that he may be examined by said Classis for licensure to preach the Gospel.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago, the following:

The following transactions, found in the Minutes of the Classis of Illinois, deserve the attention of this body. Under the head "Missions and Christian Education:"

Whereas, The education of youth in the higher departments of literature and science seems particularly allied to the interests of religion, and is regarded as closely identified with the prosperity of every branch of the Church; and, whereas, the time seems to have come when it is necessary for the interests of our denomination, that we have an institution of a high order in this state; Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five persons be appointed, to take into consideration the necessary steps for securing a Collegiate Institution, under the care of this Classis, and that said committee report progress at the next meeting of Classis.

The Lemma "Delegates to Synod," brings to the attention of General Synod the expenditure involved in attending the meetings of that body. The following action was taken:

Whereas, The expense of attending the General Synod is a very serious obstacle to securing an attendance of delegates from this Classis —the cost being about sixty dollars for each delegate—and whereas, the last General Synod made an appropriation for the several Classes in the West, which sum is not sufficient to secure the attendance of a full delegation; Therefore,

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ana, in regard to establishing a College in
the Synod to take the institution under i
Doren appeared in behalf of the friends of t

Resolved, That we have heard with intere
this floor with reference to an institution c
located at South Bend, and to be under the

Resolved, That this Synod call the attent
to the importance of having instruction give
in the literary institutions of the Church.

Whereas, The General Synod has, years
lish a Church Building Fund, which, if car
encourage feeble societies, by assisting them i
which now, for the want of such aid, languish
into the hands of other denominations; Ther

Resolved, That this Synod request the Ge
orous action to revive the Church Building l
important agencies of our Church to extend th
the kingdom of our Lord.

In the Minutes of the Regular Session of th
194, the following:

Whereas, The Sacramental Forms conta
which it is thought desirable to correct:

Resolved, That each Classis be requested
General Synod a list of such changes, if an
have made in those forms.

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Whereas, This Synod have been informed that the Library of the late Professor Ludlow contains many works of permanent value to our Theological Seminary, and that these may be secured at a reasonable price; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., William H. Campbell, D.D., William J. R. Taylor, and Elders Theodore Frelinghuysen, James W. Beekman and Maurice E. Viele, be appointed to secure the funds for the purpose, and to purchase such works belonging to the late Professor Ludlow as may be deemed desirable for the Library of the Theological Seminary, and that the Committee report to the next General Synod.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution which was passed by this Synod at Ithaca, concerning the printing of the amended Liturgy, as authorizes the use by the Churches of the amended Forms for Ordination and Church Discipline, be hereby rescinded, as conflicting with the Constitution.

Resolved, That the forms of the Revised Liturgy which have not been submitted to the Classes, be now sent down to them with the request that they will act upon the same prior to the next stated meeting of the General Synod.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of each Classis be requested to send distinct and separate notice of the result of the Classical action on this subject, to the Stated Clerk of this body, as soon as such action shall have been had.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. PASCHAL STRONG, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as refers to the subject of dispensations be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the imparting of instruction in German be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the subject of the Church Building Fund be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Reports were received from certain Classes in relation to verbal alterations in the forms for the administration of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, and also in relation to the forms of the Revised Liturgy, which were sent down to the several Classes by the last Synod, (p. 256,) which were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Ransford Wells, D.D., Abraham B. Van Zandt, D.D., Peter Stryker, and the Elders, Richard Walsh, Jacob Duryea.

The Committee reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers on the revision of the Liturgy, beg leave respectfully to report.

The movement to revise and improve the Liturgy of our Church was commenced in 1853. The first report, making great alterations in the Sacramental Forms, and adding several new forms, was presented in 1854, and the whole subject has been freely and at great length discussed at every subsequent meeting of the Synod. The last General Synod passed the following resolution. (See Minutes of General Synod of 1857, page 193.)

The Sacramental Forms being considered as a part of the Constitution, can only be modified or changed by the consent of two-thirds of the Classes. This has not at any time been given. It seems to be the sense of a large majority of the Reformed Dutch Church, that the forms for administering Baptism and the Lord's Supper shall remain in their present state, not only as a memorial of our earlier history, made venerable by its antiquity, but as being sufficiently accurate and complete to subserve the purpose for which they were originally adopted.

To the last reference by the General Synod only sixteen Classes have responded, and six of them are opposed to any change, and have taken no further action on the subject. Three of them wish no change, but suggest one or two verbal corrections in case any change is made.

Two Classes recommend a change in the sentence, "innocently condemned," to read, "he being innocent, was condemned," or "though innocent, was condemned."

Two approve the Revised Liturgy without exception; and three recommend numerous verbal alterations.

Thus it will be seen that only seven of the Classes that have reported to this Synod, are in favor of any revision, and of these only five go beyond a change in one sentence. It is evident, therefore, that the great majority of the Classes are either so indifferent that they have taken no action, or have expressed their opposition to any revision.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the revision of the Sacramental Forms has several times been sent down to the Classes for their action, and a large majority have either failed to report, or have re-

ported against any alteration—in the judgment of this Synod, the Church has decided to make no revision.

The last General Synod passed a resolution authorizing the Board of Publication to have printed those forms in the Revised Liturgy which the Synod had not acted upon, and to allow Ministers and Consistories to use them or not as they may choose. Four Classes have endorsed this action, and recommended the adoption of these forms; and four have approved in part, but the great majority have either passed by the subject in silence, or have disapproved of the addition.

The General Synod, at the Extra Session in this city, October, 1857, rescinded the resolutions of the regular session in Ithaca, and sent down to the Classes for their action those forms of the Revised Liturgy which had not been acted upon; the result leaves the question just where it stood at that time.

A paper from the Rev. Wm. Demarest, suggesting several verbal alterations in the Sacramental Forms, was referred to this Committee; as this is merely a personal communication, it calls for no action by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. WELLS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That it be referred to our Classes to decide in the fall, as to the propriety of changing the words in the form of Administration of the Lord's Supper, "That he was innocently condemned," so as to read as follows: "That he, although innocent, was condemned." And that the Board of Publication, on receiving authentic information that two-thirds of our Classes assent to the change, be authorized, in printing the said form in our Hymn Books, &c., to make the change as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be directed to forward forthwith the results of Classical action, to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Sermon *in behalf* of Education was preached on the evening of the seventh day of the session, by Rev. William J. R. Taylor, from

1. Samuel, 10:26, "And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched."

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

Your Committee have examined with care the Report of the Board of Education. It presents facts, and suggests reflections, which demand the earnest attention of the Church.

From this report we learn that there are about one hundred and twenty-five young men in various stages of preparation for the ministry, at New Brunswick, and at Holland, Michigan. Of these, seventy-two have received aid, in whole or part, from the funds of the Church.

Your Committee rejoice in the fact that there is so large a number of young men in preparation for the ministry. But we are met at once by the statement in the report of the Board of Education, that they have been compelled to borrow more than twenty-six hundred dollars in order to meet their engagements with the young men, while they are in debt to Rutgers College, on behalf of the young men, in the sum of eight hundred and sixty dollars. They are thus left in debt to the amount of thirty-five hundred and ten dollars.

Under these circumstances, the Board has passed a resolution that they will receive no more beneficiaries until supplied with funds.

How long this resolution shall stand on the record of the Board, the Church must determine.

We are sure that no words can overstate the importance of giving to the world an adequate and efficient ministry. The supply even now, with all the aids from the various Boards of Education in different denominations, is most lamentably deficient. Were these sources of supply cut off, the number would certainly be reduced to one-third of what it is now. If we desire to see the world converted to Christ by the preaching of the Gospel, we are shut up to the necessity of educating young men for the ministry, who have not the means of obtaining that education.

Unless we carry forward this department of our operations with an ever-increasing energy and enlargement, every other one of our instrumentalities must languish. Without this arm of our service, we should die out on the home field, and we should have no men for the Western and the Foreign.

It is not for your Committee to argue this subject. The policy of the Church is settled. But we cannot but express our surprise and sorrow that there are upwards of two hundred Churches in our denomination who have contributed nothing to this cause for at least three years past. Surely every minister ought to be most earnestly desirous to introduce at least one young man into the ministry, who shall perpetuate the influence which he was permitted to begin. It is a blessed *thing to* be the instrument, in the hand of God, of the conversion of *any man;* but to introduce a man into the ministry, who shall be the *instrument* of the conversion of many men, and set in motion an influ-

ence that shall never die, is a blessing and an honor that every minister should covet, and every Christian labor for.

As expressive of the views of your Committee, we suggest the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That every minister and every Church should pray and labor for the honor of leading at least one young man into the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. *Resolved*, That each Church is hereby earnestly exhorted to make a yearly contribution to the Synod's Board of Education.

The Board has adopted a regulation which requires all the young men who receive aid from the Board, to lodge in the Hertzog Hall, except in cases for which provision is made. Your Committee recommend that Synod give their hearty approbation to this plan.

In view of the necessity of admitting only the right men into the ministry, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Classes, the Board of Education, and the Board of Superintendents be instructed to use the utmost care in recommending and admitting young men to the funds of the Church, and to the Theological Seminary.

Your Committee learn with pleasure of the working of the plan adopted last year, which requires the Theological Professors to make a detailed report to the Board of Education of the mental and moral standing of all the young men who receive aid from the Board. In this way a pleasant and full communication is sustained between the Professors and the Board of Education respecting those in whom we all have a deep interest, and for whom we have a high responsibility to God and the Church which they are to serve.

Respecting those students in the Theological Seminary who receive no aid from the Church, your Committee suggest whether a plan somewhat similar to the above could not be adopted, by which the Professors would make a yearly detailed report to the Board of Superintendents respecting their standing and progress in the Seminary.

In order to bring this whole subject before the Synod, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents be requested to adopt some plan by which the Professors of the Theological Seminary will make a yearly detailed report to the Board of Superintendents of every student in the Seminary; and that they be authorized to have blank reports prepared and printed for this purpose.

HOLLAND ACADEMY.

The Holland Academy, we are glad to learn, is in a flourishing condition. The Academy building is not yet finished; a part only is in a condition to be used. There are now forty-two pupils receiving their education in this Institution. Of these, twenty-two are preparing for the ministry. These Holland brethren are now educating nineteen young men for the ministry, for whom they have raised the sum of twenty-one hundred and eighty dollars. This large sum has been given

by these brethren out of much poverty, and by much self-denial. Their example is surely an encouragement, and a rebuke to their more favored brethren in the Church.

In view of the commanding importance of this Institution to the growth of our Church in the West, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That any effort that may be made to complete and furnish the Holland Academy, so that it may accomplish the full measure of its usefulness, be commended to the earnest sympathy and liberality of the Churches.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

There are sixteen Parochial Schools now receiving aid from the funds appropriated to this purpose. Many of them are in a very prosperous condition, and several report that the special blessing of God has rested upon them, and that a number of scholars has been converted to God. This is precisely in accordance with the expectations that we are encouraged to cherish, by the Word of God. We all need more faith in the conversion of children. That God will convert very young children, if Christian parents and teachers are faithful to Him, the Word of God and the history of his Church warrant us to expect.

Your Committee have learned with great pleasure, that the Board of Publication is about to issue a series of Christian School Books, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution by the General Synod, viz.:

Resolved, That all the schools of the Church, Parochial and Sabbath, be earnestly recommended to adopt this series of books as a part of their course of instruction.

A communication has been received from the Board of Superintendents, asking whether it was the intention of the General Synod of 1857, in adopting its plan for the conducting of the Educational interests of the Church, to repeal that part of the plan of 1851 which made it the duty of the Board of Superintendents to examine all candidates for beneficiary aid.

The Committee are of the opinion that the action of 1857 does supersede the necessity of an examination by the Board of Superintendents. To require that the young man be examined by the Board of Superintendents as well as by the Board of Education, might create a delay of nearly a whole year in his reception, as the Board of Superintendents meets only at the close of the year, in May, and a Committee of that Board meets in September. Besides, it seems to be unnecessary, as the candidate is required to be examined, first by the Classis from which he comes, in order to be recommended to the Board of Education, and then by the Board of Education itself. And besides all this, he is under the care and supervision of the Board of Superintendents during the whole period of his course in the Theological Seminary. Should this view meet the approbation of the General Synod, it will sufficiently answer the inquiry of the Board of Superintendents, without the adoption of any further action.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS.

A list of endowed scholarships has been referred to your Committee. From this list it appears that there are nineteen scholarships now productive. Each one does not fully sustain a candidate for the ministry; the whole nineteen will support about fifteen young men. The Van Benschoten Bequest will sustain eight, and the Knox Fund not quite one. The funds contributed to the Board of Education during the past year (about $6,000,) will sustain forty young men. The whole number which our present resources will supply is only about sixty-three—and these scattered through all the years of their preparation. At the utmost, this would give us not more than nine young men yearly, on an average, to enter upon the actual work of the ministry. We can do more, and we ought to do far more than this.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

In view of the earnest and laborious efforts of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, and the blessing of God which has crowned his endeavors, your Committee think it right that the Synod should, in this formal manner, pass the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the General Synod devoutly recognize the goodness of God in the blessing which he has conferred upon the Corresponding Secretary in his efforts to advance the cause of Christian Education, and that this Synod does hereby cordially commend the Secretary to all the pastors and churches, with their earnest approval of his past labors.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report of the Board of Sabbath School Union has been referred to your Committee. The schools are reported as in a prosperous condition. The report states, that during the past year fifty-six teachers and fifty-three scholars have united with the Church.

Your Committee gratefully understand that the Board is endeavoring to enlarge its usefulness, and at the same time carry out the great original purpose of the Sunday School by the establishment of schools in destitute neighborhoods in New York and its vicinity. From many of these, as the nucleus, may yet arise the Church of God with all its ordinances. In this manner the Board would be doing its true, missionary work.

The same plan may be effectually put into operation in neighborhoods in the West. From these would grow up, in many instances, Missionary Churches. In this way the Board of Sunday School Union may be expected to be the forerunner of the Board of Domestic Missions, and do its preparatory work in the most effectual manner. We would suggest whether the Board might not so enlarge its field of operations as to do something in the way of helping the schools established by our Foreign Missions.

The Board has elected the Rev. R. B. Campfield as its Corresponding Secretary. A new era of usefulness, the Board thinks, is now before

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of Education, which requires the beneficiaries
Hall, was referred to a Special Committee

Your Committee would further recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Synod express its full confidence in the Theological Faculty, and in their management of the Hall, and highly deprecate the introduction on the floor of Synod of any matters pertaining to its management.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Sabbath School Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Charles S. Hageman, J. A. Todd, A. R. Van Nest, Thomas C. Strong, Anthony Elmendorf, Enoch Van Aken, and Messrs. Bauman, Lowe, E. S. Potter, Gilbert H. Van Mater, John Skillman, William Bogart, and Jeremiah Johnson, Jr. Rev. William H. Ten Eyck was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. John Knox, D.D.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. S. B. How, D.D., W. R. Gordon, D.D., N. E. Smith, and Messrs. B. Livingston Kip, Peter S. Duryce, Jeremiah Lambert, Theodore Frelinghuysen, and John S. Woodward.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the Sermon on Education, Synod proceeded to the election, when it appeared that Rev. William H. Campbell, D.D., was chosen *Primarius*, and Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D.D., *Secundus*.

Whereas, The General Synod deeply feels the importance of calling the attention of the Church to the religious training of her children; therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers of all our Churches be requested to preach to their congregations on the fourth Lord's day of February, upon the importance and means of the religious training of the young, especially within the family, and that the same Sabbath be observed as a day of special prayer for the conversion of the children of the Church.

Resolved, That all the pastors and Churches in connection with this Synod are hereby earnestly requested to observe the last Thursday in February as a day of special prayer for Colleges and Seminaries of learning, and that the Classes take measures to secure this object.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired. Nominations were received from the *Classes* of Bergen, Geneva, Saratoga, Illinois, Monmouth, and Schoharie, which were confirmed. It was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated. The Committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. Henry M. Scudder, M.D., David H. Riddle, D.D., John L. See, Oscar H. Gregory, D.D., Aaron Lloyd, Ralph Willis, John H. Pitcher, D. McL. Quackenbush, Victor M. Hulburt, Martin V. Schoonmaker, and William G. See.

The Committee appointed at the Extra Session of the Synod, held October, 1857, (page 260,) to secure the services of Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., to deliver a course of Lectures on Pulpit Eloquence to the classes of the Theological School, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last General Synod to arrange for the delivery of a course of Lectures on Sacred Rhetoric and Pulpit Oratory, at the Theological Seminary, by the Rev. Geo. W. Bethune, D.D., respectfully report:

That they were able to make an arrangement with Dr. Bethune, to spend one day in each week with the students in the Seminary, and deliver lectures on the above subjects. The report of Dr. Bethune, himself, hereto appended, will give the Synod full information as to the details of the course. The Committee would only add, that the united testimony of Professors and Students to the great value of the labors of their distinguished teacher, is complete and satisfactory, and confirms us in the opinion that the best interests of the Seminary would be greatly promoted by an arrangement by which permanent instruction in these branches could be afforded to the students. The subject of a fourth Professorship, to be devoted to this object, is one which ought to command the attention of the Synod.

The Committee agreed to pay to Dr. Bethune, for his services, the sum of $700 and his traveling expenses, which amount to $30. This sum, small as it is, the Committee are sorry to say, has not yet been *paid. It was to* have been raised by the efforts of the members of the *Committee,* and their report is as follows:

Rev. Dr. Wyckoff has raised	$175	00
Rev. H. D. Ganse "	150	00
Rev. E. P. Rogers "	125	00
W. H. Crosby, Esq., "	48	90
Total	$498	90

Leaving a balance yet to be raised of $231 10.
Three of the Committee have done nothing.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. P. ROGERS, *Chairman pro tem.*

The Rev. Dr. Wyckoff, *Chairman of Committee of General Synod, on a Course of Lectures, &c., &c.*

My Dear Brother:

I have the honor to report, that I yesterday ended my efforts to discharge the duties assigned me by you. I began them early in November last, very shortly after receiving your final orders. Monday was the day of the week chosen for my visit to New Brunswick, because it was preferred by the Professors and Students; and also because I could spare no other from my duties at home.

I have failed to meet the classes *four* times; *once*, because of a previous engagement, which I told you of on accepting the appointment; and *three* times in consequence of being unable to speak, from a heavy cold. It would be impossible for me to describe in detail the method which I have pursued. In general, I determined to devote my main endeavors to teaching the delivery of sermons with the conduct of public worship. After an introductory lecture, I read, at proper intervals, five others to the assembled classes on—1, Utterance; 2, Articulation; 3, Intonation; 4, Emphasis; 5, Gesture. Besides these, I gave extemporaneous, though not unpremeditated advices, to the several classes on various subjects intimately connected with the public service of the Church; and also spent much time in criticising the reading of the students in Scripture and hymns. For this purpose, after the first few weeks, I met the students in the Second Church, its use having been kindly accorded to us. This allowed the student to ascend the pulpit and exercise his voice in a larger audience chamber. The Senior Class received, for obvious reasons, the largest share of my attention. The Middle and the Junior Classes I taught at first separately, but found it afterwards more convenient and profitable to unite them. I rarely devoted less time than about three hours to my work on each day of my duty.

The work being new to me, and as I had never had any experience in teaching anything to anybody, except as a pastor, I fear that my attempts were not a little awkward. Experiment was necessary to my practice, by which it may very well be that the young men lost what they might have gained from one of more fitness than myself. I ca

only say, that, relying on the aid of the Master of Assemblies, I have done the best that I could, which has not been much.

My purpose and endeavor have been not to make actors or mere orators of the young men, but honest, natural, distinct and impressive preachers of the true Gospel, believing that any artifice or merely external performances would be readily detected, and disgust their hearers. For this reason, I ignored the popular systems of physical rhetoric, and sought to show what the dictates of Nature and Providence are. I cannot flatter myself that my course, in this respect, has been as imposing as a more pretentious method would have been, but think that it was the right one; in which opinion I am sustained by the high authority of Archbishop Whateley, though I am ashamed to say that I was ignorant of his opinion when I planned my method.

It gives me lively satisfaction to say that my intercourse with the students has been very pleasant, and that they have my sincere gratitude for the manner in which they received my anxious services. I am also under deep obligations to the reverend Professors for the kind countenance and most Christian sympathy which they afforded me as an unworthy partner in their toils, notwithstanding the comparative humbleness of the share given me. I must also add, that their unwearied hospitality has diminished the expenses of my work. These will be covered by thirty dollars.

Owing to the arrangement of the railroad trains, from *ten to eleven hours* have been required for each visit to New Brunswick made by me. This has been a great expenditure of time for one pressed by other cares, as I have been.

I trust that your kindness will pardon the defects of my service, and that you will add your prayers to mine for the blessing, without which all our works are dead.

Your servant in the Lord,

GEO. W. BETHUNE.

BROOKLYN, *May 4th*, 1858.

Resolved, That the whole subject be recommitted to the same Committee, with powers to raise the deficiency in the funds needed to compensate Rev. Dr. Bethune; and also, that they be empowered to consider further the expediency and practicability of establishing a Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary.

The Committee appointed to secure funds for the purchase of a portion of the Library of the late Professor Ludlow, reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the last Synod to purchase, for the use of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, the Library of the late Dr. Ludlow, beg leave to report:

They have attended to the duty assigned them, and through the Rev. *W. H. Campbell*, D.D., who has rendered valuable service both in se-

lecting books and making collections, a selection has been made of such works as will make a most valuable addition to the Library of the Seminary. These books have been purchased for the sum of $600, and it is believed that the same amount could not have been invested to a better purpose.

To raise this sum of $600, the Committee have labored in the use of personal solicitation, and by circulars addressed to the Churches, and have succeeded in realizing, in cash and reliable pledges, the whole amount. It has been contributed from the following sources:

From the Church on the Heights, Brooklyn	$10 00
" " at Fishkill	10 59
" N. W. Church, New York	25 00
" " New Utrecht, L. I.	20 00
" " Utica	10 00
" 2d Church in Poughkeepsie	10 00
" 3d " in Albany	10 00
Collected by Rev. John McHolmes	30 00
" " B. C. Taylor, D.D.	19 00
" " W. H. Campbell, D.D.	57 50
" " W. J. R. Taylor	100 00
Donation from G. G. Smith, Esq., N. Y.	10 00
Pledged by the Church at Acquacknock	85 91
Donation of Hon. S. A. Foot, (for the Church at Geneva, N. Y.)	25 00
North Dutch Church, Albany	177 00
	$600 00

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. P. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate would respectfully report:

I. The Board of Corporation call the attention of Synod to the deficiency annually occurring in the Synodical Fund, and urge the importance of taking proper measures to prevent it. Your Committee are informed that the necessary expenses of the Synod are from $800 to $1000 annually more than the income of the moneys invested. A Committee was appointed by the General Synod in 1856, and continued at the last meeting of the Synod, to secure additional funds for investment, so as to make the income of the Synod equal to the yearly expenditure. No report, as far as your Committee are aware of, has been received from this committee. Such an annual draft upon the Synod must in the end produce embarrassment, and, if not arrested, involve the most serious consequences. To enable the Board to pay the *salaries of the Theological* Professors, and to meet the incidental ex*penses of the General* Synod, will require an addition to our Professor

Fund of about $15,000. As this is a subject in which not only the whole Church is interested, but which lies at the foundation of every interest in the Church, your Committee would recommend that an early and simultaneous effort be made throughout the whole Church, to raise the required amount. The great Head of the Church, who is so benignly looking down upon our Zion and raising up spiritual helpers, may, through the increasing faith of his people, also furnish the gold for the service of the temple. It cannot be for a moment believed, that the Church will suffer those foundations of sacred learning, which were laid with so many sacrifices and so many prayers, to be undermined, for the comparatively small amount that would be necessary to give them permanent efficiency and stability. Your Committee would call attention to the fact, that the expenses of the Board of Superintendents are paid out of the income of the Professoral Fund; these funds having been expressly given for one purpose, should not be used for any other, especially at a time when they are insufficient to meet the demands for which they were created.

Resolved, That until permanent funds can be procured, the amount necessary for the contingent expenses of each year shall be apportioned, by the Treasurer and Stated Clerk of General Synod, among the several Classes, and that it shall be the duty of each Classis to arrange for the collection of the same by its Questor at its stated Fall or Spring Session, and to see that the amount so collected shall be punctually paid to the Treasurer of General Synod.

Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all our Churches be requested to make special efforts on or before the first day of March next, with the view and purpose of adding at least $15,000 to the permanent fund of General Synod.

Resolved, That Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., Wm. B. Crosby, James Suydam, Robert H. Pruyn, C. E. Spangler, James W. Beekman, Fred. J. Hosford, Edward S. Brayton, Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., Rev. W. J. R. Taylor, Richard V. DeWitt, and Maurice E. Viele be a Committee to have a circular prepared as soon as practicable, and sent, at the expense of the Board of Corporation, to all of our Churches, containing a copy of the resolution of Synod recommending the collection, and an earnest request that this matter have early attention; and should there be any deficiency thereafter, that the said committee be requested to take such steps as they deem best to accomplish the matter with the least possible delay.

Resolved, That in view of the present state of the funds, and until the condition of these funds be permanently improved, the expenses of the members of the Board of Superintendents be paid by their respective Classes, and not by the Treasurer of the Board of Corporation as heretofore.

The Board of Direction speak of the decease of their late associate, Rev. John Knox, D.D., in language of the deepest sorrow. He was *for many years* their wise counsellor, their faithful helper, and their *beloved brother* in the Lord. But in the deep utterances of their

hearts they speak only the feelings and sentiments of the Church, at whose altar he so long considered it a blessed privilege to minister. They who were permitted to meet him in the family circle, in his rounds of pastoral duty, to hear his voice in the Sanctuary as he proclaimed the everlasting Gospel, or who listened to his words of wisdom in the councils of the Church, will long bless God for what they have seen and heard. They will remember his manly and dignified appearance, his great simplicity of character, his large heart full of affection and sympathy for his toiling brethren in the ministry, his vigorous and well-trained mind, his wisdom in council, his earnest yet unaffected piety, his abundant labors, and more than all the great blessing which God has conferred upon the Church, in all her interests, through his instrumentality. There was scarcely any great work begun or ended in the Church, in which his heart and hand were not engaged. He rests from his labors, and joyously participates in the glories of his heavenly Father's house.

While death has removed from the service of the Board one faithful and tried helper, another member, who for so many years had stood by his side in the service of the Church, and waited on his ministrations, desires his trust henceforth (in his own language) to be committed to more vigorous hands.

A communication from Abraham Van Nest, Esq., declining a re-election as President of the Board of Direction, has been placed in our hands. Your Committee take this occasion to express their high sense of the services he has rendered during the long course of sixteen years, in which he has served the Church as President of this Board; of the untiring energy and devotion with which he has ever given himself to the service of the Church, and the many sacrifices which he has made to advance her progress and promote her interests. While they regret that he has felt constrained to decline a re-election to the position of responsibility and usefulness which he has so long occupied, they would render gratitude to God that the period of his active life has been prolonged, that he might for so many years unite his labors with his prayers for the prosperity of our Zion. They would rejoice that his sympathy for the Church still lives, and that his prayers still ascend in her behalf. And they would fervently pray that his years may yet be lengthened in the land of the living, and his soul still strengthened by the strength of Israel's God, till, when life's last change shall come, he shall triumph in the faith of that Redeemer to whom he has devoted his life.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of Mr. Van Nest be granted, and that the Committee on Nominations be directed to act accordingly.

A communication from Professor Woodbridge states, that, owing to the condition in which he found the West wing of Rutgers College, he deemed it necessary to have certain repairs made before he could occupy it. Accompanying his communication are the bills and vouchers for the payment of the same, amounting in all to $56, for which he asks to be reimbursed by the Synod.

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mend the following resolution:

Rutgers College of $175 92. It further appears, that there is still unpaid and past due of interest on the said fund $306.

From the Knox Fund no student has received aid for several years past, while there remains on hand, unappropriated, a balance of $432 11.

The Committee recommend as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College to take immediate measures to collect the arrearages of interest due on the Van Benschoten Fund, and in all cases to secure the payment of accruing interest as it becomes due.

Resolved, That the said Trustees be requested to select from among the beneficiaries of the Board of Education suitable persons to enjoy the benefit of the unappropriated income of the Knox Fund on hand.

III. *Theological Seminary.*—From the report of the Board of Superintendents, it appears that fifty-seven young men have been enjoying the benefits of the institution preparatory to the work of the ministry during the past year. This, your Committee believe, is a much larger number than has ever before been in attendance. Two, however, have withdrawn from the institution; one for ill health, and the other for reasons not stated. Two have been compelled to suspend their studies for a time on account of sickness, but are expected to return next September. Thirteen young men of the Senior Class have received professoral certificates, and have been licensed to preach the Gospel.

The subject of preaching by students of Theology has been brought to the attention of your Committee by resolutions of the Classes of Bergen and North Long Island. They both ask a modification of the resolutions of the last Synod on this subject; while the penalty for the violation of the rule is so severe that it is not likely to be enforced, the rule itself becomes a dead letter. Your Committee freely grant that such a rule of General Synod ought to be obeyed without a penalty. But the privilege of preaching by the students of Theology has been so long enjoyed, not only by the students, but by the pastors who have been relieved by their services, that to the minds of many it appears as a right of which they ought not to be deprived. The practice of the students of neighboring institutions goes so far to strengthen this idea, that it seems impossible to enforce any rule that would entirely take away the liberty of the students to deliver their discourses in public assemblies. While your Committee feel that the General Synod has no right under the Constitution to license any one to preach the Gospel, yet under the circumstances of the case, and believing that an imperfect rule well regulated and enforced is preferable to a perfect one that is not likely to be carried into practice, they submit for the action of the Synod the following:

Resolved, That no student of Theology in our Seminary be allowed to preach or lecture in any of our churches and congregations, except that the students of the Senior Class be allowed to deliver their own discourses, under the direction of one of the Professors of Theology.

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IV.—*Dispensa*

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brew languages, as well as from the whole course of studies prescribed by the Constitution, as preparatory to the ministry. Mr. Collins is most highly recommended by the brethren Berg and Taylor, of Philadelphia, as a man whose talents, acquirements, and devotion to the Master's service give good promise of usefulness in the work of the ministry. Mr. Collins has appeared personally before us, and has expressed to us his earnest desire to labor in the Gospel work. Your Committee regard this as one of those extraordinary cases in which the rules of the Church may be safely dispensed with, so far as to allow him to examination for licensure; making his ordination to depend upon the trial of his gifts and the proof of his ministry.

Resolved, That the case of Mr. Collins be referred to the Classis of Philadelphia, and that his request be granted, provided the Classis shall, on examination, find him qualified to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus.

5. Thomas L. Shaffer is recommended by the Classis of Schoharie as a fit person to receive dispensation from the rule which requires a knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew, as well as the whole prescribed course of study, preparatory to the work of the ministry. This case is in some respect similar to the last, except that Mr. Shaffer is more advanced in years. He is recommended by members of his Classis as a man of devoted piety and of excellent gifts, and calculated under the blessing of God to be extensively useful. Your Committee submit the following resolutions in his case:

Resolved, That the case of Mr. Shaffer be referred back to the Classis of Schoharie, and that his request be granted, provided the Classis shall, on examination, find him qualified to preach the Gospel.

Resolved, That the Classis of Schoharie be advised by this Synod not to lay ordaining hands on Mr. Shaffer until such time after his licensure as he shall have made a satisfactory trial of his gifts and a good proof of the usefulness of his ministry.

6. On behalf of Andrew Sawyer, a native Hindoo, an application is made by the Classis of Arcot for such a dispensation of the requirements of the Constitution of our Church as will admit of his ordination to the Gospel ministry. The candidate is represented as in every way qualified for his work, and as having already, as a preacher licensed under another mission, made good proof of his ministry.

While our hearts rejoice in such precious fruit gathered on heathen soils, we are constrained to feel that the request before us embodies a matter of the utmost importance. Our action on this will not be merely for a day or a year, but, as we trust, for ages and generations to come. Assumed as a precedent, it will exert its influence long after those who ask it, as well as those who grant it, shall have passed away. It is our pleasure to refer to the fidelity with which our Church has hitherto maintained her faith once plighted to the Classis of Amsterdam, in instituting and maintaining a three years' course of study as preparatory to the work of the ministry, and the blessing which has followed this keeping of her covenant.

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matter of ordination any great counterbalancing hardship would ensue to the Mission, or to the candidate himself, if, in each case as it may occur, there should be sent up to this Synod his distinct, special qualifications, his progress in the knowledge of Divine truth, and all the other facts, which would go to show the propriety of the Synod's action, as we have in the case before us. In less than a score of months at most, the application might be made and the response of the Synod received back again. This is no greater hardship than is laid on our own young men, who have from a three to seven years' view of the goal before them. In the meantime the candidate need not be idle. He can be active under his license, in preaching the Gospel, and in all other duties of mission except the administration of the sacraments.

Besides, your Committee gravely doubt the right of this Synod to delegate its authority to anybody, however trustworthy, to dispense with the requirements of the Constitution, in admitting candidates to the sacred ministry. The Synod can exercise this power only with respect to persons brought individually before them. If what the Classis of Arcot ask for were in every respect proper to be granted, your Committee believe that the Synod have no power.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Andrew Sawyer from the particular course of study prescribed by the Constitution, as preparatory to the exercise of the office of the ministry, and that the Classis of Arcot have power to ordain him to the work of the ministry.

6. Jacob Chamberlain, Jr., of the Theological Seminary, asks for a dispensation of four months from the prescribed term of study, that he may be enabled to attend a course of medical lectures preparatory to his going as a missionary to the Heathen. The Committee recommend that his request be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. REILEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

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means of responding—that cannot but humble every member of this Synod and of the whole Church.

The subject of Missions—the extension of Christ's kingdom—the dissemination of true evangelical truth, and of a sound and conservative Church polity, must always be matters of primary importance to every well wisher of the cause of Missions. They embody the spirit of the Gospel. They are the hope of the Church, and of the world. This, in the abstract, it is not difficult to realize; and when we come to look at the facts—at what has already been accomplished under increasing discouragements, our convictions of its importance are demonstrated. We need but to look at the 75 churches and stations aided, the 3,070 families having the Gospel regularly preached to them by the aid afforded by this Board; at the 3,905 *members* being trained in them; at the 4 new churches erected; at the 622 souls converted during the year; at the 81 Sabbath Schools that have shed their light upon the hearts and lives of 5,102 children, to see that this Board is doing a most precious work for Missions, and for the advancement of His Church; and yet all this goodly heritage—these gardens enclosed, whose spices flow abroad, have drawn out the fostering care and liberality of the Church only to the amount of $15,338 39.

Your Committee would not employ the language of censure, nor even of complaint. They would merely state the facts, in themselves sufficiently humiliating. To this we would add these other considerations—that God in his goodness has given us honor in the eyes of men; that He has endowed us with a sound and acceptable form of Church government; and with pure and evangelical standards; and with a laborious, faithful, self-denying ministry. We are invited to possess the land. We are looked up to, to occupy places of importance and trust now in preference to those whose religious tenets are less reliable; and more than all this, we have been blessed and enriched beyond all expression with the gracious outpourings of the Spirit. God has given us the joy of harvest. He has opened the windows of Heaven and poured us out blessings, till we are straightened in receiving them. But with all this—and we speak of it with the deepest humiliation—the income of the Board, the gifts of the Church, *have steadily fallen off for the past* 3 *years.* In 1856, it was $19,168; in 1857, it was $16,950; in 1858, it was $15,338. From these facts result two very painful consequences, which we place nakedly before the minds of the members of this Synod and of every member of our Church. The *first* is, that the debt of the Board is steadily increasing until it has reached the sum of $3,000. The *second* is, that the Board have been under the necessity of denying all applications from new stations, and of contracting all their operations, thus shutting down the gates of progress and expansion, and allowing many a golden opportunity to pass away forever. Why is this so? Is this right? Has the novelty of new instrumentalities and agencies diverted the benefactions of the Church, or have we forgotten to give liberally in proportion as we have liberally received? And your Committee cannot but ask what portion *of this debt of $3,000,* and of this sad contraction in the operations of

the Board, and of these destitute fields that ask in vain for the bread of life—is knocking at the doors of those churches within our bounds that have given nothing to this cause during the year. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That Synod deeply regret that 139 of our churches have, during the past year, made no contribution to the Board of Domestic Missions, and that they affectionately appeal to the piety and Christian liberality of those churches no longer to withhold their aid, though it be but slight, from this essential work of the Church.

2d. *Resolved*, That to those churches which are withholding their contributions from this and other Boards of the Church, upon the plea of poverty, we earnestly commend the truth, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty."

3d. *Resolved*, While we sympathize with those churches and stations aided, in the struggle they are making—that while they neglect to contribute annually to the Treasury, cannot justly expect to have their appropriations renewed.

Your Committee also find, in the Secretary's report to the Synod, a serious difficulty stated, where Classes request certain appropriations to be made within their bounds, or hold back a corresponding amount from the Board. Your Committee believe that it is a duty, and a high and glorious privilege, to relieve the Board from the pressure of pecuniary embarrassment, and then make it the honored agent of these disbursements. They therefore present the following resolutions:

4th. *Resolved*, That while we fully recognize the duty of Classes to attend to the interests of religion within their own bounds, we earnestly recommend to all the churches to make the Board of Domestic Missions the almoner of their bounties.

5th. *Resolved*, While we consider the cause of Domestic Missions as behind no other in magnitude and importance, and have unlimited confidence in the integrity and efficiency of its Board, that we consecrate ourselves anew as Ministers and Elders to advance its interest and prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. WEST, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., Peter Stryker, Paul D. Van Cleef, Elbert S. Porter, D.D., Goyn Talmage, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, Mortimer De Motte, and Thomas C. Doremus. The Rev. Abel T. Stewart was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Rev. John Knox, D.D.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions *was presented*, read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Annual Sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, D.D., from 2 Cor. 4 : 13, last clause—"We also believe, and therefore speak."

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Foreign Missions, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to present the following report:

The fact that this is the first report which has been made to the General Synod by its Board of Foreign Missions since that Board entered upon a distinct and independent existence, must give additional interest to its details and statements. Under a solemn sense of duty and responsibility to the Great Head of the Church, the Synod at its last regular meeting decided to separate from the A. B. C. F. M., with which most efficient and valuable agency it had been long and happily connected. While this decision was characterized by a very remarkable and unexpected unanimity, and under circumstances which fully warranted the belief that it was in accordance with the leadings of Providence, and the guidance of the Divine Spirit, it was natural that the result should be expected with mingled feelings of hope and fear. The first report of the Board would very naturally be looked for with unusual anxiety, and examined with unwonted interest. It would show whether the Synod had correctly interpreted the voice of Providence, and truly found the way of duty.

That report has been made, and in examining its statements, and summing up the results which it presents, our hearts have been filled with gratitude to God, and we have been inclined to say, "What hath God wrought." It has revealed the pleasing fact that our churches have in a good degree appreciated the responsibility which now rests upon them in relation to the work of Foreign Missions, and have come up nobly to the work of supporting their own Board. The simple fact, that in a year characterized by a state of commercial depression unexampled in the history of our country, the contributions of our churches to this cause should have increased almost 33⅓ per cent., is eloquent and impressive in its testimony to the correctness of the views of the last Synod, and affords pleasing assurance that the Church is ready to provide for her own missions on a scale of Christian liberality proportionate to the necessity and importance of the case. We are warranted in the hope that the course of the Dutch Church on heathen ground will, by the blessing of her Head, be hereafter one of increasing and permanent prosperity, usefulness and honor.

We learn from the report of the Board, that the work of connecting the two missions, with the missionaries and mission property, with our Board, has been consummated so far as has yet been practicable,

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Out-Station, Chio-be.—Church, 1; 1; parochial school, 1; received to n communion, 35.

The brethren at this mission have c and have been faithful in the arduous so far as permitted to enjoy the neces ever, been pained to learn that the of late been increasingly delicate, and undertaken by the advice of her physic restoration. The probability now is, tl obliged to return to this country at an

The sad intelligence of the death of M late advices. She died of severe and w with true Christian fortitude and patie eighteen days after giving birth to a d husband and five motherless children to this afflicting dispensation, the Commit propriety of adopting the following resol

Resolved, That the General Synod ha sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Do February last; that they present their beloved brother in this sad bereavement, of his motherless children the sustainin God who doeth all things well.

work of Missions, and a higher sense of her obligations to raise up and send out additional laborers into those fields, now white with the harvest.

Arcot.—Andrew Sawyer, catechist; Paul, elder; Peter, Christian schoolmaster; communicants, 10; catechumens, 12.

Chittoor.—Rev. W. W. Scudder, Missionary, (at present in America;) Rev. E. Scudder, in charge. Mrs. Scudder, assistant; Miss Louisa Scudder, assistant; catechist and elder, 1; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants added, 6; total in communion, 46; baptized children, 48.

Arnee.—Rev. Jared W. Scudder, Missionary; Mrs. Scudder, Assistant Missionary; catechist and elder, 1; readers, 2; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants, 9; school, 1; pupils, 16.

Conoor.—Rev. Jos. Scudder, Missionary; Mrs. Scudder, Assistant Missionary; elders, 2; catechist, 1; Christian schoolmaster, 1; communicants, 30; baptized children, 19; school, 1; pupils, 26.

Among the interesting facts presented in the report of the Board, is the statement that the Classis of Arcot have examined for licensure and ordination a Christian native, of whom they speak in high terms as a man of remarkable intelligence and deep piety, and who may be expected to prove a most valuable auxiliary to the missionaries in their important and arduous field.

The Committee have been happy to learn from the report of the Board, that God has inclined the hearts of several of the young men, preparing for the ministry, to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Missions. Three have already been received by the Board, and assigned to their fields of labor: Rev. Alvin Ostrom and Rev. Daniel Rapelje to China, and Rev. Joseph Mayo to India. There is also a candidate for the foreign field at present in the middle class of the Theological Seminary. This intelligence the Committee believe will be very gratifying to the Church, and will doubtless stimulate to increased prayer and effort, to sustain the Board in their wise progressive policy. As God in his providence opens wide the door, and raises up men to enter; let not the Church delay or neglect to provide the means to send them; if she does, she is recreant to her vows and obligations, and cannot expect to receive the smile of her Lord and King.

In this connection the Committee would testify to the value of the labors of Rev. W. W. Scudder, in visiting the Churches, attending missionary conventions, and delivering addresses to congregations and Sunday schools. They believe that this has contributed very much to an increased interest among the Churches, and to larger contributions to the cause.

II. *Funds.*

From the Treasurer's report, which is a paper drawn up in the most complete and satisfactory manner, we learn that the total amount of funds in the treasury of the Board, during the past year, including a balance on hand at its commencement of $3,911 74, and a donation of $2,000 from the American Bible Society, for printing the Scrip-

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The Committee recommend to the
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Resolved, That it is the duty of all
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resources on which we may depend are those of omnipotence. Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world.

We need only *faith*—faith in what God has promised, faith in the grand vocation of the Church, faith in the simple Gospel, faith in the ultimate triumphs of the Cross—all things are possible to him that believeth. Strong in this faith, let the Church come nobly up to this work with renewed alacrity and zeal. Let her pray more for our beloved missionaries. Let her seek to add to their numbers and resources. Let her bind her missions closely to her heart, and cherish them, as a mother cherishes the children of her bosom. Let her pour in of her means to the treasury of the Lord, and keep not back her children from this cause. Thus shall she herself be greatly blessed of God at home, and thus made an honored instrument in extending the kingdom of her Redeemer, who is the Lord of glory and the King of saints.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

E. P. ROGERS,

NEWARK, *June* 7, 1858. *Chairman pro tem.*

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to make arrangements for holding a meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions, on the evening of the third day of the Session.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., D. D. Demarest, D.D., Jeremiah S. Lord, David H. Riddle, D.D., Hugh N. Wilson, D.D., and Messrs. Charles S. Little, Abraham J. Beekman, and Stephen Van Rensselaer.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Henry M. Scudder, M.D., was chosen *Primarius*, to preach the sermon on Foreign Missions, and the Rev. John De Witt was chosen *Secundus*. The Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., was chosen *Primarius*, to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. Joseph A. Collier, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was *accepted, adopted*, and is as follows:

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are content to leave it to the wisdom of

A resolution of the Classis of Bergen

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A copy of each of the Tracts published by the Board during the past year were received, and placed in the hands of the Committee on Publication for examination.

A number of copies of the Tracts, lately issued by the Board of Publication, were received from the Board, and distributed among the members of the Synod.

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication report that the matters referred to them have received as much attention as circumstances would allow, but not as much as their importance demands, and the result is respectfully presented to Synod.

They have had before them a reference from the Classis of Geneva, on the subject of publishing the Minutes of Synod in Low Dutch, for the benefit of our Holland brethren.

Your Committee feel that such a measure is inexpedient.

From their Fourth Annual Report, in the hands of your Committee, accompanied by the report of the Treasurer, it appears that the Board of Publication have, notwithstanding serious embarrassments, prosecuted their work with energy and success.

Their treasury has received, during the past year, $9,947 07; their expenditures have been $9,924 51; leaving a balance in favor of the Board of $22 56. There was on hand at the date of the report stock of the value of $9,482 89.

Of the amount paid into the Treasury but a very small part has been contributed by the churches; *individual liberality*, and that largely developed among the members of the Board itself, have replenished her treasury, and kept her wheels in successful operation.

In view of this state of things, your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our churches to contribute annually toward replenishing the treasury of the Board of Publication.

The Board have deemed it advisable to employ an agent, to visit the churches in furtherance of the important work in which they are engaged. The Rev. John Minor entered upon this agency some three months since, and has thus far met with cheering success. This agency is sustained, not by the funds of the Board, but entirely by individual *gifts for that special object.*

Your Committee are confident that, through the blessing of God accompanying the labors of this respected brother as he passes through our churches, such an amount of interest will be awakened as shall issue in a large increase of funds for the prosecution of this department of christian enterprise; and they would in connection with these remarks propose the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Synod sanction the action of the Board of Publication in the employment of an agent, under the circumstances above stated, and recommend such agent to the co-operation of our ministers and churches.

During the year closing May 1st, 1858, the Board have issued 3 new books; 2 editions of works already published; Revised Liturgy; works in German, 1,047 copies; works in Holland, 1,000 copies; 26 new Tracts; 4 old Tracts; whole number of pages published during the year, 3,043,388—making the publications of the year not only much greater than that of any former year, but actually in advance of *all* the three previous years.

These statements are certainly highly encouraging, and call for thanks to God.

They witness, too, for the Board, that they have been diligent in the execution of their trust, and they should receive our cordial thanks.

The publications of the Board during the past year, which have been submitted to the Committee, appear, (so far as we have been able to examine them,) to have been judiciously selected, and to set forth evangelical truth, as constantly held in our communion.

The contract for the publication of our Psalm and Hymn Book expires in the coming year, and order should be taken at the present session of Synod for its future issue.

This is, in the judgment of your Committee, a subject of great importance. Our Psalm and Hymn Book should be issued with the greatest care, so that it may be free from typographical errors; it should be printed on good paper, and firmly bound; and, at the same time, it should be sold at cost. The interests of the Church require this. In reference to this subject, your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the future issuing of our Psalmody be committed to the Board of Publication.

Resolved, That the particular attention of the Board be called to the execution of this important work, especially so far as the paper, type, and binding are concerned.

Resolved, That the Board be directed to furnish our Psalm and Hymn Book to the public at cost, or as near it as possible.

Resolved, That no edition be issued unaccompanied by the doctrinal standards and liturgy of the Church.

Your Committee are happy to learn that the "Sower and Missionary Recorder" is so well patronized by the churches, and that the necessary increase in its price has not diminished its circulation.

The subjects of Colporturage and Tract distribution are brought to the attention of Synod in the report of the Board. Your Committee

appreciate the value of these agencies of usefulness in the Church, and suggest that Synod recommend to the Board to use them to as great an extent as their means will warrant; and also, that our ministers and churches do further efficiently any efforts of the Board in these directions.

At the suggestion of the Board of Publication, your Committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of Synod that a sermon be delivered before Synod, in behalf of the Board of Publication, on the evening of the third day of the session; and that the Synod shall annually appoint a person to preach said sermon, together with a secundus.

The Synod, at its last stated session, directed the Board to secure the translation of certain Minutes of ancient sessions of this Synod, in the Low Dutch tongue, into the English, with a view to their publication. The Board have secured the accomplishment of this work, and in view of this fact the Committee recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay to the translator, Rev. William Demarest, his bill for such service, when it shall have been audited by the Board of Publication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT P. LEE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., T. L. Cuyler, Isaac Ferris, D.D., S. M. Woodbridge, D.D., Wm. J. R. Taylor, and Messrs. James A. Williamson, Peter Duryee, and Richard Ammerman.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Publication, the Synod appointed Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., *Primarius*, and Rev. David H. Riddle, D.D., *Secundus*, to preach the sermon on behalf of Publication, before the next General Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

One hundred copies of "A Historical Discourse on the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Albany," by Rev. E. P. Rogers, D.D., were received from the Consistory of the North Dutch Church of Albany, which were distributed among the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Consistory of the North Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, for their presentation to Synod of the above Discourse.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., for the able sermon preached before this body; and, inasmuch as funds have been raised to defray the expense, that Synod request a copy of the same for publication.

The Rev. Ebenezer P. Stimpson, Polhemus Van Wyck, and the Elder Davies Miller were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for corresponding delegates, and for persons to preach the missionary and education sermons, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Synod was addressed on the third day of the session by the Secretaries of the Board of Education, the Boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, the Board of Publication, and the Board of Sabbath School Union, in relation to the interests of these several Boards. After which the Synod spent a season in a free interchange of opinion in regard to the benevolent operations of the Church, when the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That while we are grateful to God for having enabled us to do something for the advancement of His glory in the past, it is yet the decided conviction of this Synod, that God, by His providence and by the remarkable out-pourings of His Spirit, is calling us, as a Church of Christ, to greatly enlarged liberality and assiduity in cultivating the fields which He is opening up to christian effort.

Resolved, That we cannot acquit ourselves of our imperative duty in view of the dealings of God, without largely exceeding for the coming year our benevolent contributions for the past, and of giving for the cause of Christ according as the Lord hath prospered us.

Resolved, That those of our churches who have failed to contribute to any or all of our Boards during the last year, are hereby most earnestly requested and affectionately urged not to fail to contribute, and that liberally, to each of the benevolent enterprises of our Church.

Resolved, That it is to the pastors of our respective churches that we look, and by whom we confidently expect that the several causes of benevolence shall be statedly presented to their congregations, with such information as shall enable them to contribute according to the claims of the subjects presented.

The Synod was addressad on the third day of the session by Rev. J.

B. Pinney, Corresponding Secretary of the New York Colonization Society, in relation to the claims and wants of that Society.

Resolved, That this General Synod have listened with interest to the statements made by Rev. J. B. Pinney, Corresponding Secretary of the Colonization Society; are prepared again, as in time past, heartily to commend this Society to our churches and people as worthy of support.

The Synod was addressed on the third day of the session by Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Christian Union, in relation to the claims and wants of that Society; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Synod recommend this Society, and its interesting and important work among the Romanists of our own country and in Papal lands abroad, to the cordial and liberal support of the churches under its care and supervision, and recommend that annual and effective contributions be made in them in its behalf.

A number of copies of the "Sailors' Magazine," "the Seaman's Cause," and the "Life Boat," publications of the American Seaman's Friend Society, were received and distributed among the members.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts would respectfully report, that the following minute of the Classis of Illinois has been put in their hands, viz:

Whereas, the expense of attending General Synod is a very serious obstacle to securing an attendance of delegates from this Classis, the *cost being about $60* for each delegate; and whereas the last General *Synod made an appropriation* and apportionment for the several Classes

in the West, which sum is not sufficient to secure the attendance of a full delegation; therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis request the General Synod to divide the whole amount appropriated to this Classis among the delegates who shall be in actual attendance on General Synod during the continuance of such appropriation, provided that no delegate receive more than the actual expenses of travel.

Your Committee recommend the following action:

Whereas, the members of the Classes belonging to the Synod of Chicago are obliged to sustain heavy expenditures in attending their regular and special meetings, and in performing Classical and Synodical business; and whereas we recognize the propriety of the Apostolic precept, "Bear ye one another's burdens," therefore

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of Illinois be complied with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. BASSLER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report that the following bills have been presented, viz:

A bill from J. Bedient, for services as Sexton	$12 00
" " Frederick Kerr, for Stationery	6 39
" for Postage Stamps	1 24
" from Conger & Porter, for printing ballots	3 00
Amounting in all, to	$22 63

All which they find correct, and recommend to be paid.

B. BASSLER, *Chairman.*

NEWARK, June 9th, 1858.

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1,300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be rendered to the congregations of the several Reformed Dutch Churches and other citizens of Newark, for their cheerful and generous hospitality in entertaining the members of Synod; and to the Rev. Dr. Abeel for his assiduous personal attentions; also to the Consistory of the First Church for the use of their house of worship.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the Rev. James Brownlee, Rev. T. L. Cuyler, Jacob Duryea, Jacob B. Wood, Rev. A. McClelland, D.D., Albert Duryea, Rev. Elbert S. Porter, D.D., Thomas P. Doremus, John Q. A. Butler, Rev. Alexander Gulick, Elias B. Littel, were absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated session of the General Synod be held in the North Reformed Dutch Church, in the City of Albany.

Synod adjourned to meet in the North Reformed Dutch Church, in Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1859, at 10 o'clock, A.M., and was closed with singing Hymn 776, prayer, and pronouncing the apostolic benediction by the President.

DAVID D. DEMAREST *President.*
ROBERT P. LEE, *Adsessor.*
PHILIP PELTZ, } *Clerks pro-tem.*
SAMUEL T. SEARLE, }
THOS. C. STRONG, *Permanent Clerk.*

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THOS. M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

THE

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

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General Synod

OF THE

REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH

IN

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OF THE GENERAL SYNOD, OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA, CONVENED IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, ON WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE. THE SESSION CONTINUED FROM THE FIRST TO THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, INCLUSIVE.

Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 1 Peter, 5 : 1: "*The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Francis N. Zabriskie, Enoch Van Aken, Thomas De Witt, D.D., (*a.*) *Elders*—Thomas Jeremiah, (*e*) Samuel B. Schieffelin, John Delamater.

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D , Isaac Ferris, D.D., (*a.*) *Elder*—Jeremiah Lambert.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. John De Witt, Samuel B. How, D.D., and John B. Thompson. *Elders*—John M. Wyckoff, Smith Bloomfield.

(*a*) Took his seat on the 3rd day of the session.
(*e*) *Succeeded on the 7th* day of the session by his Secundus, Daniel Rowell.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, D.D., Alexander H. Warner, Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., (*a*) (*f.*) *Elder*—John Brinkerhoff.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. J. Paschal Strong, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Daniel Lord. *Elders*—Cornelius G. Van Riper, (*f*) David D. Smith.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Francis N. Schneeweiss. *Elder*—Samuel G. Lott.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. John McC. Holmes, Elbert S. Porter, D.D., William H. Ten Eyck. *Elders*—Abraham J. Beekman, Jacob Polhemus, Wm. Ferris.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. Charles S. Hageman, Henry Dater, John H. Bevier. *Elders*—Charles H. P. McClellan, John L. Stoutenburgh.

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. Joseph F. Berg, D.D., Martin L. Schenck, John Gardner. *Elders*—Daniel Paul, George Van Cleef.

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev P. Stryker Talmage, John Gaston, (*a*) (*f.*) *Elder*—Richard Spear, (*a.*)

11. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. Abraham H. Myers, Charles J. Shephard, Horace W. Finch, (*h.*) *Elders*—Thomas Finger, Alexander Patrie.

12. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Polhemus Van Wyck, James Bolton, John A. Todd. *Elders*—James Rowland, Josiah Valentine.

13. *From the Classis of Monmouth.*—Rev. James B. Wilson, (*f*) Ralph Willis. *Elders*—Hendrick Smock, (*f*) Daniel P. Smock, (*a.*)

14. *From the Classis of Arcot, (India.)*—Rev. Henry M. Scudder, M.D, (*a*) (*d.*)

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Abraham G. Lansing, (*d*) James M. Compton, Alexander Dickson. *Elder*—Gilbert Wemple.

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Joachim Elmendorf, Nathan F. Chapman, James McFarlane. *Elders*—Luther Lafflin, (*f*) John Souser, Benjamin Niese.

(*a*) Took his seat on the third day of the session.
(*d*) Obtained leave of absence on the 7th day of the session.
(*f*) Obtained leave of absence on the 8th day of the session.
(*h*) Succeeded on the 8th day of the session by his Secundus, Rev. John G. Johnson.

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Edwin Holmes, Benjamin F. Snyder, J. H. Van Woert. *Elders*—Peter L. Van Dyke, (*f*) Peter G. Ten Eyck, Thomas F. Mesick.

4. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. Jacob L. Pearce, Benjamin F. Romaine, Cornelius S. Mead, (*a.*) *Elders*—Abraham Hees, Frederick P. Bellinger, (*a*) Henry Schuyler, (*a.*)

5. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, Gilbert Lane, (*d*) Edwin Vedder, (*a.*) *Elders*—Cornelius H. Van Dyke, (*d*) Peter S. Danforth.

6. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Edward E. Seelye, (*f*) J. A. De Baun, Cyril Spaulding, (*f.*) *Elders*—Rockwell Harman, Richard S. Pearse.

7. *From the Classis Cayuga.*—Rev. Wilson Ingalls, (*f*) William Wolfe, (*a*) (*d.*) *Elders*—Isaac T. Teller, (*d*) Abraham Van Etten, (*f*).

8. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. Charles Scott, David A. Jones, Jeremiah Searle, (*a.*) *Elders*—John Lyon, Austin Strong, (*a.*)

9. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. William Johns, W. D. Buckelew, Ransom B. Welch. *Elders*—Gilbert Becker, Anthony Van Bergen.

10. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. Cornelius Gates, George J. Van Neste, John W. Schenck. *Elders*—John Decker, George W. Schuyler.

11. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. John N. Jansen, Anson Du Bois, Ephraim Dupuy, (*c.*) *Elders*—Elijah Du Bois, (*d*) Jacob D. Van De Mark.

12. *From the Classis of Saratoga.*—Rev. Garret L. Roof, (*f*) R. Van Brunt, George McCartney *Elders*—Charles Easton, Abraham Lansing, Abraham Marshall.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. William Anderson, (*f*) Edward P. Livingston, and John M. Wagner. *Elders*—

2. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. William T. Van Doren, Harrison Heermance. *Elders*—

3. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. Peter J. Oggel, A. C. Van Raalte, D.D. *Elder*—Hessel Yutema.

(*a*) Took his seat on the third day of the session.
(*c*) Took his seat on the 7th day of the session.
(*d*) *Obtained leave of* absence on the seventh day of the session.
(*f*) *Obtained leave of* absence on the eighth day of the session.

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.*—Rev. Simon Bolks, J. Mason Ferris, (*b.*) *Elder*—

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Samuel B. How was chosen *President;* the Rev. Cornelius E. Crispell, *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. Polhemus Van Wyck and Charles J. Shephard, *Clerks pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last ordinary session of the Synod were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. Gustavus Abeel, Thomas M. Strong, Edwin Holmes. Elders, Thomas Jeremiah and Anthony Van Bergen.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. William H. Ten Eyck, James B. Wilson, Nathan F. Chapman. Elders, John M. Wyckoff and Peter G. Ten Eyck.

On Domestic Missions.—Rev. Anson Dubois,* Charles S. Hageman, William T. Van Doren. Elders, Elijah Dubois and Samuel G. Lott.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, George J. Van Neste, P. Stryker Talmage. Elders, John Brinkerhoff and Peter S. Danforth.

On Accounts.—Rev. Garret L. Roof, Benjamin F. Snyder, Samuel T. Searle. Elders, David D. Smith and Isaac T. Teller.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. Alexander Warner,

(*b*) Took his seat on the 4th day of the session.

*The Rev. Anson Dubois having requested to be excused from serving on the Committee on Domestic Missions, the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor was appointed in his place as chairman of this committee on the third day of the session.

Abraham H. Myers, William Anderson. Elders, Jacob Polhemus and Peter L. Van Dyke.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Joachim Elmendorf, Edward E. Seelye. Elders, Luther Laffin and John L. Stoutenburgh.

On Education.—Rev. Joseph F. Berg, A. C. Van Raalte, Daniel Lord. Elders, Daniel Paul and Abraham J. Beekman.

On Nominations.—Rev. Martin L. Schenck, J. Paschal Strong, David A. Jones. Elders, Smith Bloomfield and Jacob D. Van De Mark.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. Enoch Van Aken, Abraham G. Lansing, Cornelius Gates. Elders, John Lyon and Gilbert Becker.

On Publication.—Rev. John De Witt, Cornelius E. Crispell, John McC. Holmes. Elders, Samuel B. Schieffelin and Charles Easton.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. Elbert S. Porter, John W. Schenck, Charles Scott. Elders, Cornelius Van Riper and Charles H. P. McClellan.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

To Rev. T. M. Strong, D.D., *Stated Clerk of General Synod:*

Dear Brother—The following is the report of the Committee on Synodical Reports, adopted by the Board of Superintendents May 18th, 1859:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary met in the Peter Hertzog Hall, on Tuesday, May 17, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and continued their sessions till Thursday, May 19.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the President. The following members were present:

Rev. S. B. How, D.D.,
" D. H. Riddle, D.D.,
" F. H. Vanderveer,
" F. M. Kip, D.D.,
" Theo. B. Romeyn,
" A. G. Ryerson,
" J. H. Pitcher,
" V. M. Hulbert,
" Ralph Willis,
" J. Van Vechten, D.D.,
" G. H. Fisher, D.D.,

Rev. N. F. Chapman,
" J. R. Talmage,
" A. H. Van Vranken,
" W. G. E. See,
" J. H. Seelye,
" M. V. Schoonmaker,
" John Minor,
" O. H. Gregory, D.D.,
" J. L. See,
" J. B. Alliger,
" Charles H. Stitt.

The following seats in the Board become vacant at the next meeting of the General Synod, viz.: Those of

Rev. N. I. Marselus, D.D.,		Classis of	New York.
" F. H. Vanderveer,		"	Paramus.
" J. B. Alliger,	North	"	Long Island.
" N. F. Chapman,		"	Ulster.
" J. R. Talmage,		"	Rensselaer.
" G. H. Fisher, D.D.,		"	Cayuga.
" John Minor,		"	Greene.
" C. H. Stitt,		"	Kingston.

The following Classes have no representation, viz.: South Classis of New York, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

The report of the Theological Faculty was laid before the Board, from which it appears that the following students have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the past year:

Senior Class.

Jacob Chamberlain, Jr.,	Henry Ray Lott, M.D.,
Hasbrouck Dubois,	Charles D. Nott,
Philip Furbeck,	M. B. Riddle,
Maurice G. Hansen,	Wm. A. Shaw,
James Huyssoon,	C. G. Vanderveer,
Josiah Jansen,	Edward M. Weiss,
A. W. Knowlton,	Henry Schiebe.—14.

Middle Class.

Jacob Baay,	Edward Miller,
James H. Ballagh,	George H. Peek,
Philip Berry,	Robert R. Proudfit,
Isaac Collier,	L. C. Rogers,
W. R. Duryee,	John Scudder,
A. V. Gulick,	Thos. A. Talmage,
H. W. F. Jones,	John E. Watkins,
L. W. Kip, Jr.,	Dennis Wortman, Jr.—16.

Junior Class.

T. Romeyn Beck,	R. M. Stanbrough,
Aug. Blauvelt,	M. Swick,
P. B. Bonney,	A. Thompson,
Henry A. Butts,	J. Vandermeulen,
John B. Drury,	C. Vanderveen,
C. B. Durand,	F. V. Van Vranken,
Isaac L. Kip,	Henry Veholage, Jr.,
J. D. Krum,	Thos. G. Watson,
Wm. H. Miller,	P. Q. Wilson,
R. Pieters,	Wm. A. Wurts.—21.
Alex. Proudfit,	Total, 51.

From the same source we learn the death of Henry Schiebe, of the Senior Class, who perished in the Austria, on his way to this country for completing his studies at the Seminary. Eye-witnesses testify that, amidst the fearful scenes connected with his death, he displayed a Christian serenity, and among his last acts were his exhortations to the despairing around him to trust in Jesus Christ.

Mr. Riddle entered the Senior Class by dispensation from General Synod.

Mr. Chamberlain was absent, by leave of Synod, about four months during the sessions, attending a course of medical lectures in New York, as he is expecting to go on a mission to India.

Robert R. Proudfit was absent during the whole of the first session and part of the second, attending a course of law lectures. Since about the 23d of January his attendance has been regular, and his progress in study satisfactory.

W. R. Duryee has been absent in Europe during the year, on account of ill health. He expects to pursue his studies with the Middle Class of next year.

Mr. Butts, of the Junior Class, is a preacher in the Methodist Church, but received permission from the Committee on Reception of Students to attend upon the lectures.

Mr. Watson asked and obtained permission to leave on the 1st of May, that he might take an agency of the Sunday School Union, by which he hoped to raise himself above the necessity of asking aid from the funds of the Church.

The Faculty feel warranted to expect an increase in the number of students, beyond that of the graduating class.

A sermon on 2d Kings, 2: 15, was preached in the Second Reformed Dutch Church, on the evening of the first day of the session, by the Rev. Theo. B. Romeyn.

An address was delivered, at the close of the examinations, by the Rev. Julius H. Seelye.

All the Classes were examined on their respective studies, and afforded entire satisfaction to the Board. The Senior Class were also examined respecting their personal experience of religion, and their views in wishing to enter the sacred ministry.

The Board congratulate the Synod on the general prosperity of the institution, and on the fact that the number of students is greater, and the promise more encouraging, than ever before.

The Faculty also report that there has been strict punctuality in attendance on the lectures, and very commendable diligence in study.

The Board have received with special interest the following statement from the Professors: "Although we cannot report the same marked evidences of the special presence of the Spirit of God as existed a year since, yet numerous manifestations of zeal among the students have not been wanting. They have been engaged in Sabbath-schools, and in tract distribution. The union prayer-meeting of the Seminary and College, and other prayer-meetings, have been well sustained by them. From the fact that but a single member of the present Senior Class has offered himself as a missionary for the foreign field, it might

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An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of New York was received, requesting a dispensation in behalf of Mr. Peter Buri, a minister from the Reformed Church of Berne, in Switzerland; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Westchester, recommending Mr. Charles Strohmenger for a dispensation; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., requesting a dispensation in behalf of his son, Mancius H. Hutton; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, asking, agreeably to instructions by the South Classis of New York, dispensations in behalf of Messrs. Isaac W. Warner and John Wenish, accompanied with extracts from the said Classis in relation to this application; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Rev. Mr. Rockwell, the missionary to the Thousand Islands Church, in relation to securing the title to the parsonage of said church; which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A communication was received from the Rev. J. F. Mesick, Stated Clerk of the Classis of Raritan, in relation to the organization of said Classis; which was referred to the Particular Synod of New York.

A communication was received from Mr. John Scudder, a member of the Theological Seminary, asking a dispensation in his favor; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Holland, requesting a dispensation in behalf of Mr. William A. Honbolt, a member of the Reformed Dutch Church of Grand Rapids; which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D.D., in relation to an agency by Rev. Mr. Dunuewald, in behalf of two Dutch churches in the county of Chautauque; which was referred to the Board of Domestic Missions.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed scholarships, a list of the clerical subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, together with the report of John C. Elmendor

Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report, that two subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of the General Synod of $500 each have been paid in. The Board have received from several individuals six bonds of the township of Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan, of $100 each, in trust, for the benefit of the Holland Academy, in Holland, Michigan, the principal to be kept and applied towards an endowment fund for the benefit of said academy, and the interest used towards its support.

There has been deposited with the Board two deeds of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," dated August 25th, 1858, conveying to General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church the real estate and other property at the missionary station known as the "Amoy Mission," in China, also the real estate and other property at the missionary station known as the "Arcot Mission," in the Presidency of Madras, British India.

The Widows' Fund at this time amounts to $17,018.35, being $378.61 less than at the last report; there are 84 subscribers to the fund, of whom ten have been added during the year. The amount collected in the churches for this fund during the year is $121.39, and there has $500 been withdrawn. The Rev. John Gray and Mrs. Anna Scott, widow of the late Rev. James Scott, D.D., have been placed on the list of annuitants on the fund.

The contingent expenses of Synod for the year amount to about $2,000, and the amount received from the Classes to meet this expenditure has been $988.96.

A separate account has been opened for the Church Building Fund, and also for the Sustentation Fund, and they also appear in a separate form in the Annual Digest. The Board endeavor, as far as practicable, to keep distinct from each other the different funds of Synod, although in the investment of them this is not always possible.

Your Board have met frequently, and as often as the business intrusted to their care has required, and their meetings have been characterized by the most entire unanimity.

Your Board would beg leave to remind General Synod that, with the increase of real estate and unproductive property placed under their care, there will necessarily arise an increased expense, to meet which a more adequate provision ought to be made, and they would therefore recommend that the churches be urged to pay greater attention to the fund required to meet the contingent expenses of Synod.

The Treasurer's Report, herewith submitted, exhibits in detail the state of the funds belonging to the Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. CROSBY, *President.*
JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*
M. S. HUTTON, } Directors.
P. R. WARNER, }

June 2, 1859.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1858.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	1	Cash paid the following persons one quarter's salary as Professors in the Theological College, due this day, viz.: Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D.... $525 00 " Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D. 450 00 " Sam'l A. Van Vranken, D.D. 450 00	1,425	00
	5	" " Rev. Edward H. May, his annuity out of the income of the Widows' Fund for the six months ending 1st of May last	70	00
	7	" " Rev. C. Van Santvoord, D.D., his traveling expenses in attending the present Session of Synod, to preach the Synodical Sermon..	10	00
	8	" " the following Insurance Companies premium of insurance for one year from 9th inst., on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall: Washington Ins. Co., on $5,000.. $50 00 Manhattan " " " 5,000.. 50 00 N. Brunswick " " " 5,000.. 50 00	150	00
		" " Rev. P. D. Van Cleef, Stated Clerk of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, one year's salary, due 2d inst.....$25 00 And for traveling expenses 2 50	27	50
		" " Rev. J. R. Van Arsdale, his traveling expenses in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College held at New Brunswick on the 18th of May last	16	00
	9	" " the following their traveling expenses as Delegates to General Synod, viz.: From the Classis of Holland— Rev. C. Van Der Meulen.....$50 00		
		Carried forward	1,698	50

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1858.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	30	Cash paid F. J. Hosford, Treasurer of the Board of Education, six months' interest to 4th inst., on the invested Scholarships in the Theological College	1,394	22
		" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, &c., for dividend on 67 shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.	234	50
		" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, the proceeds of five shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., sold	489	37
		" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, amount received from Samuel B. Schieffelin, to make the five shares of stock sold, together with the dividends thereon, equal to $137 per share	130	00
July	12	" " Rev. Thomas C. Strong, Permanent Clerk of General Synod, for expenses in attending the meeting of Synod June, 1858	5	00
		" " Rev. A. C. Millspaugh, for traveling expenses in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College	3	25
	13	" " Ab'm Oakey, for services rendered at the installation of the Rev. S. M. Woodbridge, as Professor	3	00
	14	" " the following Delegates for traveling expenses in attending the meeting in General Synod, in June, 1858, viz.: Rev. John M. Ferris, from Classis of Wisconsin $32 00; " M. Ypma, from the Classis of Wisconsin 32 00; Elder Peter Lankaster, from the Classis of Wisconsin 32 00; Aug. 7, Rev. Aaron Lloyd, from the Classis of Illinois 54 00	150	00
	30	" " Rev. Jas. R. Talmage, for traveling expenses in attending a meeting of the Board of Superintendents, in May, 1858	6	50
		" " J. Bedient, for services as Doorkeeper	19	63
		" " Congar & Porter, for printing	3	00
August	2	" " Rev. Thos. M. Strong, D.D., for one year's salary as Stated Clerk of General Synod $150 00; " " Postage 1 53	151	53
	5	" " the Board of Publication of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church, for 1,300 copies of Minutes of General Synod, for 1858	242	00
	16	" " Mrs. Catharine Murphy, widow of the Rev. James Murphy, D.D., an appropriation from the Sustentation Fund	50	00
	21	" " bill of Joseph Gabriel, for removing furniture of Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.	11	00
		Carried forward	2,893	00

1858.		Dr.		$	¢
		Amount brought forward		2,893	00
August	23	Cash paid Rev. John H. Pettingell, amount heretofore paid by him into the Widows' Fund, and now withdrawn		500	00
		" " Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., for repairs to the west wing of Rutgers College		56	00
	26	" " the following Professors in the Theological College, New Brunswick, N. J., for one quarter's salary, to Sept. 1st:			
		Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D.	$525 00		
		" Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D.	450 00		
		" Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.	450 00	1,425	00
Septem.	10	" " James H. Silloocks, for marble tomb for the late Rev. John Ludlow, D.D.		125	00
	30	" " North River Insurance Co., for insurance on $4,000, upon the furniture and Library in the Peter Hertzog Hall		30	00
Novem.	13	" " Rev. Chas. H. Stitt, for traveling expenses in attending a meeting of a Committee of the Board of Superintendents, in the fall of 1857		4	00
	20	" " Rev. C. D. Eltinge, for traveling expenses in attending a meeting of General Synod, in June, 1857, as a Delegate from the Classis of Illinois		18	00
		" " the following persons their annuities from the income of the Widows' Fund, for six months, ending Nov. 1st, 1858:			
		Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee	$ 70 00		
		Mrs. Catharine E. Van Wagenen	70 00		
		" Maria Lansing	52 50		
		" Lydia M. W. Sluyter	70 00		
		" Maria Rudy	52 50		
		" Harriet V. V. Mabon	70 00		
		Rev. Samuel Harlow	70 00		
		Mrs. Ann Scott	70 00		
		Rev. Israel Hammond	70 00		
		Mrs. Caroline Hoff	70 00		
		" Esther S. Winfield	70 00		
		" " Rev. John Gray	70 00		
		" " Rev. R. W. Knight	70 00		
		" " Mrs. Eleanor Westfall	26 25		
		" " " Jane Hunt	26 25	927	50
Decem.	1	" " the following Professors in the Theological College, for one quarter's salary to this date, viz.:			
		Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D	$525 00		
		" Samuel A. Van Vranken, D.D.	450 00		
		" Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.	450 00	1,425	00
		Carried forward		7,401	50

1858.		Dr.		$	cts
		Amount brought forward		7,401	50
Decemb.	28	Cash paid Julius G. Pohle, loaned him on his bond, secured by a mortgage on property in this city, ten thousand dollars		10,000	00
	30	" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' interest, to 4th inst., on invested scholarships in the Theological College		1,394	22
		" " F. J. Hosford, Treasurer, for six months' dividend, on 62 shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.		217	00
1859. January	15	" " premium of insurance on $8,000, for one year from this date, on Rutgers College		48	00
February	21	" " John C. Elmendorf, Treasurer of Rutgers College, as follows:			
		One year's interest on donation of Henry Rutgers of $5,000, to Rutgers College	$300 00		
		One half of one year's salary of the Librarian of Rutgers College to April 1st	50 00		
		Five semi-annual dividends, on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock	25 00	375	00
March	3	" " the following Professors in the Theological College for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.:			
		Rev. Wm. H. Campbell, D.D.	$525 00		
		" Sam'l A. Van Vranken, D.D.	450 00		
		" Sam'l M. Woodbridge, D.D.	450 00	1,425	00
	31	" " Rev. Wm. Demarest, for translating and transcribing Minutes of Synod from 1771 to 1799		400	00
April	14	" " The Home Insurance Co. premium of Insurance on $5,000, insured on Holland Academy, Michigan, for one year		62	50
	23	" " David M. Earl, loaned him on his Bond, secured by a Mortgage on property in this city, five thousand dollars		5,000	00
	29	" " George Scofield, loaned him on his Bond, secured by a Mortgage on property in this city, two thousand dollars		2,000	00
May	7	" " John S. Wyckoff, for traveling expenses in attending the meeting of Synod in June, 1857, as a delegate from the Classis of Illinois		18	00
	18	" " Matthew Allen, for an assignment to the General Synod of a Bond and Mortgage of James Kallock and Frederick Steinle, to him, dated May 2d, 1859, for two thousand dollars		2,000	00
		" " the following persons their annuities, from the income of the Widows' Fund, for six months ending May 1st, 1859:			
		Mrs. Maria Lansing	$52 50		
		Carried forward		30,341	22

1859.		Dr.		$	¢
		Amount brought forward		30,341	28
May	18	Cash paid Mrs. Anna Scott	70 00		
		" Caroline Hoff	70 00		
		" Maria Rudy	52 50		
		" Catharine R. Van Wagenen	70 00		
		" Jane Hunt	26 25		
		" Eleanor Westfall	26 25		
		Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D.D.	70 00		
		" John Gray	70 00		
		Mrs. Lydia M. W. Sluyter	70 00		
		" Harriet V. V. Mabon	70 00		
		Rev. R. W. Knight	70 00		
		" Samuel Harlow	70 00		
		" Israel Hammond	70 00		
		Mrs. Esther S. Winfield	70 00		
				927	50
	31	" " John I. Brower, for one year's salary, as Treasurer of General Synod	$450 00		
		Postage, Discount, &c.	6 28		
		For one year's salary for the management of the Widows' Fund of the Reformed D. Church	150 00		
		Postage, Discount, &c.	2 30		
				608	58
				31,877	30
		Balance on hand, carried to new account		2,083	46
				33,960	76

General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

1858.		Cr.		$	cts.
		By amount brought forward from account of Isaac Young, late Treasurer		4,127	88
June	24	By Cash received from Mrs. P. M. Hall, in payment of Bond of Sam'l W. Cronk to the General Synod	$6,000 00		
		Interest thereon	61 82	6,061	82
	28	" " from David Jacobus, in payment of balance of his bond to General Synod	$1,500 00		
		Interest thereon	21 87	1,521	87
	29	" " from the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. for dividend on 67 shares of their stock		234	50
		" " proceeds of sale of five shares of the stock of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.		489	37
		" " from Sam'l B. Schieffelin, to make the above five shares of stock sold, with the dividends thereon, equal to $137 per share		130	00
		" " from the New York and New Haven Rail Road Co., six months' interest on their two bonds of $1,000 each.		70	00
	30	" " for six months' interest to May 21st, on $6,000, balance of bond		210	00
		" " from the following persons, for interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod, for one year, to May 1st, 1858:			
July		David W. Wetmore	$30 00		
		Thos. C. Doremus	30 00		
		Estate of Cornelius Duryee	15 00		
		" " David L. Haight	30 00		
		" " John Oothout	30 00		
		Samuel Smith	15 00	150	00
	28	" " from Henry Oothout, Executor of the late John Oothout, amount of his subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		500	00
August	5	" " from John M. Harlow, in payment of the balance of bond of John B. Dingeldeins to Gen. Synod	$3,500 00		
		Interest thereon	74 18	3,574	18
	11	" " for six months' interest, to 5th inst., on two bonds, amounting to $9,000		315	00
Septemb.	2	" " for six months' interest, to 1st inst., on $4,750, balance of bond		166	25
		" " for six months' interest, to 1st inst., on bond of $3,500		122	50
		Carried forward		17,87[illegible]	[illegible]

1858.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Amount brought forward	17,673	37
Septemb.	6	By Cash received for six months' interest, to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000.....	175	00
	25	" " for eighteen months' interest, to July 26th,'58, on bond of $1,750. $183 75 Insurance refunded..... 5 00	188	75
October	14	" " for six months' interest, to 16th inst., on $4,000, balance of bond.....	140	00
	16	" " for six months' interest, to 10th inst., on bond of $2,000.....	70	00
	19	" " for six months' interest, to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800.....	98	00
	19	" " for six months' interest, to 15th inst., on bond of $2,000.....	70	00
	23	" " for six months' interest, to this date, on three bonds, amounting to $11,000	385	00
	25	" " for six months' interest, to 22d inst., on two bonds, amounting to $5,250.	183	75
Novem.	3	" " for interest to Oct. 28th, 1858, on two bonds of $6,500 each	452	47
	11	" " for one year's interest to Oct. 26th, 1858, on bond of $2,500.....	175	00
	13	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000.....	175	00
	19	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst., on $5,000, balance of bond.....	175	00
	20	" " for six months' interest on two bonds amounting to $17,000.....	570	00
	27	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $7,000.....	245	00
Decem.	1	" " for six months' interest to this date on bond of $20,000.....	700	00
	14	" " for five dividends on twenty-three shares of the stock of the Bergen Turnpike Co.....	57	50
	23	" " for six months' interest to Nov. 21st, on $6,000, balance of bond	210	00
	28	" " from the Delaware and Hudson Canal Co., for six months' dividend on sixty-two shares of their stock	217	00
1859.				
January	18	" " for interest to 1st inst., on bond of $1,500. (Interest on $1,400).....	97	00
	27	" " from the New York and New Haven Railroad Co., for six months' interest on their two bonds of $1,000 each..	70	00
February	12	" " for six months' interest, to 5th inst., on two bonds amounting to $9,000,	315	00
March	1	" " from Casper Eckhart, in payment of his bond to General Synod..$5,000 Interest thereon..... 175	5,175	00
		" " for six months' interest to this date on $4,750, balance of bond.....	166	25
	21	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $3,500.....	105	00
		Carried forward.....	[illegible]	[illegible]

1859.		Cr.		$	cts
		Amount brought forward		27,889	09
April	12	By Cash received for six months' interest to 10th inst., on bond of $2,000		70	00
	13	" " for six months' interest to 16th inst. on $4,000, balance of bond		140	00
	15	" " for six months' interest to this date, on bond of $2,000		70	00
	23	" " for six months' interest to 22d inst., on two bonds, amounting to $5,250.		183	75
	26	" " for six months' interest to May 1st, on bond of $7,000		245	00
		" " for six months' interest to 23d inst. on three bonds, amounting to $11,000.		385	00
	29	" " for six months' interest to 27th inst., on bond of $2,800		84	00
	28	" " for six months' interest on two bonds, amounting to $17,000		570	00
		" " from the following, for interest on their subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod for one year, to May 1st, 1859, viz.:			
		Ref. Dutch Col. Ch., N. Y.	$300 00		
		Thomas C. Doremus	30 00		
		Estate of Cornelius Duryee	15 00		
		" David L. Haight	30 00		
		Samuel Smith	15 00		
		David W. Wetmore	30 00		
				420	00
May	2	" " from the Executors of the Estate of David L. Haight, deceased, amount of subscription to the Permanent Fund of General Synod		500	00
	3	" " for six months' interest, to April 28th, on two bonds of $6,500 each		455	00
	4	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst., on bond of $5,000		175	00
	16	" " for six months' interest to 1st inst. on $5,000, balance of bond		175	00
	27	" " for six months' interest to 21st inst. on $6,000, balance of bond		180	00
	30	" " from First Ref. Dutch Church, New Brunswick, for Church Extension		58	37
		" " from the following Churches during the year for the Widows' Fund, viz.:			
		First Ref. Dutch Church, Van Voorst, Jersey City	$ 2 33		
		" " South Dutch Church, N. Y.	20 00		
		" " 4th Ref. Dutch Ch., Albany	4 00		
		" " North Dutch Church, Albany	21 16		
		" " Ref. Dutch Church, East Millstone	5 00		
		" " 1st Ref. Dutch Church, Newark, N. J.	13 62		
		" " Ref. Dutch Church, Six Mile Run, N. J.	19 19		
				85	36
		Carried forward		$1,888	81

1859.	Cr.			$	¢
	Amount brought forward			31,685	51
May	By Cash received from the following Classes, for Minutes of Synod:				
	Classis of Monmouth		$12 30		
	"	Passaic	16 20		
	"	Paramus	28 80		
	"	New York	33 00		
	"	Kingston	25 50		
	"	Westchester	11 50		
	"	Geneva	10 00		
	"	Albany	15 00		
	"	"	11 25		
	"	Schenectady	17 00		
	"	Greene	7 74		
	"	Poughkeepsie	12 00		
	"	Bergen	30 00		
	South "	New York	15 00		
	South "	Long Island	10 50		
	"	Philadelphia	17 00		
	"	Saratoga	6 00		
				278	79
	" "	from the following Classes during the year, for contingent expenses of General Synod, viz.:			
	Classis of Monmouth		$48 00		
	"	Wisconsin	10 00		
	North "	Long Island	50 00		
	South "	Long Island	75 00		
	"	Michigan	10 00		
	"	Poughkeepsie	66 00		
	"	Passaic	17 00		
	"	Kingston	37 22		
	"	Westchester	40 00		
	"	New York	120 00		
	"	Illinois	10 00		
	South "	New York	60 00		
	"	Bergen	82 00		
	"	Albany	75 00		
	"	Paramus	40 00		
	"	Rensselaer	30 00		
	"	Philadelphia	99 74		
	"	Orange	45 00		
				914	96
	" "	from the following Clergymen during the year, for their annual payments to the Widows' Fund, viz.:			
	Rev. Wm. J. R. Taylor		$20 00		
	"	John Gardner	20 00		
	"	James Demarest, Jun'r	20 00		
	"	Joseph Wilson	20 00		
	"	E. S. Porter, D.D	20 00		
	"	David D. Demarest, D.D.	20 00		
	"	P. D. Van Cleef	40 00		
	"	John A. De Baun	20 00		
	"	Philip Peltz	20 00		
	"	Wm. Lyall	20 00		
	Carried forward			33,[illegible]	[illegible]

1859.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Amount brought forward		32,879	26
May		By Cash received from B. C. Lippincott	20 00		
		" P. J. Quick	20 00		
		" R. O. Currie, D.D.	20 00		
		" John F. Mesick, D.D.	20 00		
		" Wm. S. Heyer	20 00		
		" J. A. Collier	20 00		
		" John L. McNair	20 00		
		" J. G. Duryee	20 00		
		" John A. Lansing	20 00		
		" James M. Compton	20 00		
		" Charles Jukes	20 00		
		" John C. Van Liew	20 00		
		" C. Whitehead	20 00		
		" Wm. Demarest	20 00		
		" B. B. Campfield, Jun'r	20 00		
		" Henry A. Raymond	20 00		
		" E. P. Rogers, D.D.	20 00		
		" Chas. S. Hageman	20 00		
		" H. B. Stryker	20 00		
		" Cyril Spaulding	20 00		
		" James B. Hardenbergh	20 00		
		" Edward P. Terhune	20 00		
		" C. L. Van Dyck	20 00		
		" James R. Lente	20 00		
		" John C. Guldin	20 00		
		" Jacob West	20 00		
		" Peter Stryker	20 00		
		" R. H. Steele	20 00		
		" J. R. Talmage	20 00		
		" E. Van Aken	20 00		
		" T. B. Gregory	20 00		
		" John Du Bois	20 00		
		" Goyn Talmage	20 00		
		" O. H. Gregory, D.D.	20 00		
		" Henry A. Friedel	20 00		
		" J. N. Wyckoff, D.D.	20 00		
		" Isaac Ferris, D.D.	20 00		
		" John M. Ferris	20 00		
		" David B. Hall	21 50		
		" John De Witt	20 00		
		" Ira C. Boice	20 00		
		" E. S. Porter, D.D.	20 00		
		" C. Blauvelt	20 00		
				1,081	50
				33,960	76
	31	By Balance on hand, brought forward from old account		2,083	46

NEW YORK, *May 31st*, 1859.

JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

The subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, have examined the same, with the vouchers exhibited by him, and find them correct, leaving a balance on hand of two thousand and eighty-three dollars and forty-six cents.

W. B. CROSBY, P. R. WARREN, } Committee.

June 2, 1859.

The Board of Direction submit to
gest, as follows:

Funds Devoted t

THE VAN BENSCH

This Fund, as reported by John C. Elme
gers College, and which is loaned upon
gages upon property in the State of N
on the 1st of April, 1859, to.....
Cash on hand April 1st, 1859.....
Interest on same Fund, due May 1st, 1858..
" " " due April 1st, 1859..
There has been paid to indigent students o
Fund during the past year.....

LEGACY OF MISS REB

The amount of this Fund, which is loaned up
gage, on property in the State of New J
Interest due on this Fund May 1st, 1859.....
There has been paid to students out of the in
the year.....
Balance in hands of John C. Elmendorf, Tres
April, 1859.....

Permanent Professoral Fund.

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected, and invested on the subscriptions for the Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College; also the donation of $5,000 by the late Colonel Henry Rutgers, for the benefit of Rutgers College, viz.:		
Loaned by the Board of Direction, secured by bonds and mortgages of real estate, (excepting three bonds of the Collegiate Dutch Church which are not accompanied by mortgages,)		$86,565 00
Twenty-three shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, ten of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at		230 00
Amount of unpaid subscriptions to the Permanent Fund of General Synod	$12,250 00	
Deduct amount which the Board believe cannot be collected	6,250 00	
Leaving subscriptions supposed to be good		$6,000 00

Board of Domestic Missions.

There has been invested by this Board, on bond secured by mortgage.	$250 00

Sustentation Fund.

The balance of this Fund on hand the 31st of May, 1859, is	$238 30

Church Building Fund.

The amount of this Fund on the 31st of May, 1859	$1,503 42
Of which there is loaned on bond and mortgage as directed by Synod.	1,400 00
There has been received for interest on this loan during the year	97 00

Minutes of General Synod.

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod during the past year	$278 79
And there has been paid for printing Minutes	242 00
Balance in Bank to the credit of General Synod	83 46
Balance in Trust Co. to " " "	2,000 00
	$2,083 46

W. B. CROSBY, *President.*
P. R. WARNER, M. S. HUTTON, } *Directors.*
JOHN I. BROWER, *Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, *June 2d*, 1859.

So much of the above report of the Board of Direction and accompanying documents as relates to the Widows' Fund was referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund; so much as relates to the Board of Education, to the Committee on Education; and the residue to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to the election of the Board of Direction of the Corporation. On

counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Mr. William B. Crosby, *President;* Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D.; and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen and Peter R. Warner, *Directors;* and Mr. John I. Brower, *Treasurer.*

ARTICLE V.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following report was received from the committee to correspond with the Free Church of Scotland, accompanied with copies of proceedings and debates of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland; which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

The undersigned begs leave to report to General Synod that he has received the printed Minutes of the "Proceedings and Debates of the General Assemblies of the Free Church of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, in May, 1857, and in May, 1858," which were sent to his care, and addressed "To the Rev. the Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, U. S. A., from the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, with fraternal salutations," by the Rev. J. Bonar, D.D., Convener of that committee. These Minutes contain highly interesting and important information and discussions, and it is respectfully recommended that they be deposited in the library of our Theological Seminary at New Brunswick.

No reply has been received to the letter addressed to the General Assembly by your Committee of Correspondence, which is acknowledged and published in its Minutes for 1857.

SAMUEL B. HOW,

June 1, 1859. *Chairman of Committee of Correspondence.*

The Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence present the following report:

The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland have laid on the table of this Synod two volumes of the Debates and Proceedings of their *General* Assemblies, held in 1857 and '58, which contain discussions *on important* subjects, which we recommend to be placed in the Theo-

logical Library belonging to our Church; also, we recommend that this correspondence be continued, by sending to that body three copies of the Minutes of our Synod.

A fraternal letter has been received by this Synod, from a committee appointed by the Reformed Dutch Church of South Africa, on Foreign Correspondence, stating what they have done for the promotion of the Gospel among themselves, and for extending it to the heathen in their neighborhood. In the conclusion of their communication, they cheerfully refer to the revival which has taken place in this country, and pray that the Spirit of the Most High may continue to be poured down in rich abundance upon our Church, and request that the Christians in America will especially remember Africa in their supplications at a throne of grace.

Your committee recommend that this Synod continue their correspondence with this body as heretofore.

The committee also recommend that the communication of the delegate of this Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which has been received by this Synod, be printed in their Minutes.

F. H. VANDERVEER, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from the Rev. George H. Fisher, D.D., Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence:

To the General Synod of the Ref. Dutch Church in Session at Albany:

The undersigned begs leave to present the following report: That having been appointed in June last to attend the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, he performed that duty in the last month. The Assembly sat at Indianapolis. The attendance was very large. Many subjects of the highest interest were brought forward. The Assembly manifested a deep concern for the welfare and growth of that branch of the Church of Christ, and for the spread of a pure and sound faith in all directions.

Various reports, presented from Missionary and other Boards, and on the condition of the several churches, show an addition during the past year of ten Presbyteries, a large accession of members, very liberal contributions, and a solid and growing prosperity. To the expressions of brotherly kindness and charity which your delegate felt himself authorized to convey to the Assembly, in the name and on the behalf of Synod, the Assembly, through the Rev. Dr. Breckenridge, their Moderator, returned an animated and affectionate answer. Your delegate is authorized to convey to the Synod assurances of the Assembly's fraternal regard, and their prayers for the spiritual and temporal prosperity of our own part of the Redeemer's kingdom; and the more from the circumstance that the ecclesiastical bodies with whom the Assembly can now exchange delegations are reduced to *two in number.*

Your delegate begs leave to express the hope that the Christian courtesy and correspondence, now maintained between the Presbyterian and Dutch Churches, may be strengthened and long continued.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. FISHER.

UTICA, *June 6th*, 1859.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. John De Witt, *Primarius;* Rev. Charles S. Hageman, *Secundus.*

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, Joseph F. Berg, and the Elder, Thomas Jeremiah.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be referred to the committee appointed on the devotional exercises of the Synod.

Resolved, That a prayer-meeting be held in the Consistory Room of the church, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, A. M.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on the afternoon of the second day of the session, in conformity to the arrangement reported by the committee on the devotional exercises of the Synod.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church:

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report, that they have seldom had placed in their hands more cheering documents than the reports of the several Synods on this subject; and they regret that the necessity for brevity forbids them to reiterate the satisfactory details found in these reports.

By the admirable arrangements now adopted, they have had before them a statement from almost every church in our connection, and with hardly an exception the language is joyous and hopeful. Each of the Particular Synods use the same phrase, and call this year the *year of the* right hand of the Most High, and justly, for if he who *offers* praise glorifies God, God is this day glorified by our Church; has

language as she tells what God has done is full of thanksgiving, nor is there scarcely a discordant note from one end of our Zion to the other. Your committee, however, do not mean to say that there is no cause for deep humility and lowly confession, for they do not forget that the Church is still militant, encamped within a province in rebellion against our rightful Lord; that the sounds and sights of treason against the Most High are on every side, and that she is not herself as loyal as it becomes the servants of such a King to be; yet, as each individual band passes in review, they behold, almost without exception, the cheerful shout and the stir of activity, and they feel that it would be ungrateful to God to adopt a different strain.

In endeavoring to ascertain, from the documents before them, "what is the state of religion in our Church," two inquiries presented themselves. The first of these is, What does Christ think of his Church?

We know, indeed, that our Lord sees much, oh! how much! in us for the forgiveness of which he must daily intercede; but judging from his dealings with his Church during the past year, your committee think that they must say, that the light of his countenance is upon her; his truth is proclaimed throughout her borders. Her people rejoice in the sanctuary. He meets them there according to his promise; he imparts the graces of his Spirit. He has added during the year more than the Pentecostal number of five thousand (5,209) to her communion. He has caused the hearts of the fathers to go out towards the children, and to care for the lambs of the fold. He has extended her cords and strengthened her stakes in the Western portions of our land, and has induced her to stretch forth her hand to the distant East, and to seek to add India, and China, and Japan to his kingdom. He blesses her ministry—aiding and comforting them while they live; and when they grow old or feeble he allows them to die and to be with him. And yet in his love he spares them long to his Church, and allows her this year to mourn over the removal of only five of her standard-bearers—the lamented Rev. Dr. Lee, D. Van Olinda, E. H. May, C. C. Vermeule, Peter Labagh; and while Synod has been in session he hath called from his labors our Brother Sill. He giveth his beloved sleep. Yes, the smiles of our beloved Lord are on us, and if your committee interpret aright his dealings, they would say take courage, for Jesus loves still our Church; he owns her; he blesses her.

But, in seeking to ascertain the state of religion in a church, there is another important inquiry to be made. We must not only ask what does Christ think of his Church, but what does his Church think of him.

Your committee are persuaded that no one can look at the results of the past year without feeling that our Church loves Christ more than ever; obeys him more cheerfully, and more fully; trusts him more unreservedly, and has put forth renewed efforts to extend his cause and kingdom. She has prayed more, she has contributed more. During the preceding year her contributions for benevolent purposes amounted to $102,388.16; and this year her offering is upwards of

$155,000. She is active amid her young, seeking to bring them early to the Saviour. She promises to educate for the Gospel ministry all of her sons who seek her aid, and seems ready to endeavor to do her duty to her Lord.

Far, therefore, as she comes short of what she ought to be, deeply as she mourns over her want of self-sacrificing love, to your committee her attitude is cheering and full of promise. She is leaning on the arm of her beloved, looking to Him. She is penitent, but grateful, and is praying for more grace, thanking God and taking courage.

In reply to the request that General Synod would define more fully what is meant by contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, and whether the contributions made to indigent members of each church are to be placed under this head, or under that entitled Congregational Purposes, your committee would remark, that they cannot conceive how the design of Synod could be more clearly defined than by the terms religious and benevolent purposes; surely contributions made for the poor whom Jesus loves is a *religious and benevolent act*, and cannot be styled a congregational purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. HUTTON, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Post Office Address.
New York	T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2700	1023	94	27	57	..	19	1074	32	5	....	65	7	1279	899	$15,227 89	$	116 Ninth St., N.Y. 20 East 37th St., N. Y. 70 West 36th St., "
Broome Street	P. Stryker	205	1025	232	35	34	14	..	7	280	21	10	175	25	1	260	180	4,053 25	5,050 00	34 Dominick St., "
Central, Ninth Street	A. B. Van Zandt	75	.....	81	7	10	2	..	1	95	4	2	....	....	1	90	....	200 00	.....	2 Erie Building, "
Greenwich	T. C. Strong	150	750	....	13	21	....	..	..	275	33	2	....	....	1	306	189	.....	.....	68 Hammond St., "
Seventh Avenue	J. C. Dutcher	....	.....	142	10	6	19	..	1	140	2	4	64	64	1	100	60	.....	.....	
Twenty-First Street	A. R. Van Nest, Jr.	115	575	206	29	3	13	..	3	222	15	3	75	150	1	200	160	683 87	2,390 96	
North West	H. D. Ganse	185	900	....	26	29	16	..	3	238	13	2	75	45	2	250	200	1,971 50	5,750 00	256 West 22d St., "
German Evan. Mission	J. C. Guldin	150	950	609	91	1	10	..	6	687	46	..	90	....	3	332	308	590 53	1,550 00	122 Rivington St., "
Livingston Church	F. N. Zabriskie	60	250	72	8	10	10	1	3	76	11	2	86	56	1	144	80	260 00	1,450 00	
Mt. Pleasant, 50th Street	C. M. Jamieson	55	250	100	7	4	....	..	..	107	3	..	125	....	1	160	125	.....	.....	
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	200	1000	70	6	....	....	1	1	63	11	3	100	....	1	200	....	.....	.....	162 West 26th St., "
Harlem	J. S. Lord	160	800	231	20	16	5	..	4	258	4	5	60	60	1	200	....	900 00	.....	
Washington Heights	C. Whitehead	37	175	40	2	2	2	..	..	42	6	1	....	....	..	1	....	20 00	700 00	
Harlem Ger. Ref. Church	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	
Mott Haven	W. T. Enyard	58	290	....	8	13	1	..	4	48	1	1	40	40	1	95	65	130 00	3,110 00	
3d German Ref. Church	H. A. Friedel	50	180	91	10	....	....	..	..	101	16	..	....	....	1	135	....	160 00	.....	18 Renwick St., "
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	201	74	5	5	..	4	273	18	14	....	60	2	320	280	541 26	.....	
Richmond	Vacant	65	325	....	21	4	4	..	2	80	5	3	....	300	5	425	315	25 00	1,465 00	Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots	T. B. Gregory	24	120	29	....	....	2	..	.	27	....	..	39	18	1	120	60	108 00	364 30	Rossville, "
4th Ger. Ref. D. Ch.	J. H. Oerter	22	120	*15	27	3	1	..	..	44	5	..	4	....	..	....	....	16 00	90 00	
	Total	2231	11210	3142	488	188	161	2	58	4130	246	57	933	883	31	4617	2921	$24,887 30	$21,920 26	

* Organized in May last, with this number of members.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Drs. N. J. Marselus, (S. C.,) J. B. Hardenberg, and P. Van Pelt; Rev. Messrs. A. N. Kittle, J. Mulligan, H. Bielfield, F. Zastera, U. Marvin; and the Rev. Dr. Brownlee, *Emeritus*. Rev. T. R. G. Peck laboring in Charleston, S. C.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Stapleton	Vacant	....	....	239	13	3	10	..	1	244	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	$.....	$.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Tompkinsville	P. M. Brett	70	300	178	19	4	9	..	2	190	16	1	130	40	1	130	130	400 00	.....	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch	J. M. Macauley	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	New York City.
Market Street	T. L. Cuyler	200	1100	546	75	16	18	..	7	612	14	16	260	40	2	450	....	3,400 00	4,900 00	" "
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	183	1000	358	48	20	13	..	..	413	20	14	400	66	3	400	360	2,957 81	20,981 39	" "
Manhattan	E. Wiggins	69	250	102	9	2	1	..	..	112	8	..	140	100	1	300	200	60 00	2,700 00	" "
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (S. C.)	70	350	158	15	6	5	..	7	167	38	..	35	20	1	140	100	250 00	1,150 00	Williamsburg.
Courtlandtown	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Peekskill	C. D. Buck	46	200	56	21	3	2	..	4	74	10	11	....	....	1	65	45	99 00	950 84	Peekskill.
Sixth Avenue Ref. Dutch Church	Vacant	80	425	86	12	17	5	..	1	109	4	4	....	150	1	211	133	138 24	4,196 41	New York City.
German Ref. P. Dutch Church	A. Berky	81	....	186	20	..	3	..	4	199	88	..	23	23	1	151	120	117 61	451 68	" "
German Reformed	J. S. Ebaugh	....	....	....	4	..	..	..	..	....	30	..	....	....	1	60	....	.....	.....	" "
	Total	799	3625	1909	236	71	66	..	26	2120	228	46	988	439	12	1957	1088	$7,422 66	$35,330 32	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Mathews, Rev. J. B. Steele, Rev. Chas. Knouse, Rev. Jno. Alburtis, Rev. Joseph McKee, Rev. A. R. Thompson, and Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of the University of N. Y. City, and Rev. R. A. Quin, Chaplain of Sailors' Snug Harbor.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Raritan	Abraham Messler	185	1017	436	22	5	6	..	6	466	13	2	50	....	4	250	....	$.....	....	Somerville, N. J.
First New Brunswick	Samuel B. How	....	....	443	43	4	5	1	3	481	20	4	....	....	3	190	....	1,200 00	.....	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	160	930	251	41	3	1	..	5	289	17	3	73	30	7	356	290	729 49	.....	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	170	850	340	26	11	8	1	6	359	10	1	100	....	5	250	....	494 00	.....	Millstone, "
Bedminster	William Brush	140	700	221	31	3	5	1	3	248	15	3	60	50	5	236	....	435 00	.....	Pluckamin, "
White House	Smith Sturges	152	780	91	18	8	2	..	2	113	12	1	....	....	5	....	....	52 00	.....	White House, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburg	175	875	....	16	4	2	..	2	230	25	5	30	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lebanon, "
North Branch	P. M. Doolittle	97	....	103	13	7	3	1	4	115	19	..	50	35	1	76	60	.....	.....	North Branch, "
Second Raritan	J. F. Mesick, (S. C.)	150	700	302	25	16	25	..	4	314	9	1	100	....	4	200	175	453 78	.....	Somerville, "
Middlebush	J. A. Van Doren	96	480	193	14	14	7	..	5	209	10	..	50	....	1	....	55	514 11	.....	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Stephen Searle,†	84	435	132	15	...	1	..	1	145	6	4	50	70	2	112	85	.....	.....	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	H. N. Wilson	119	595	180	34	16	5	..	2	223	21	3	30	23	1	130	....	.....	.....	New Brunswick, "
Bound Brook	H. V. Voorhees	67	300	80	16	13	12	..	6	109	4	4	15	....	1	76	55	320 62	.....	Bound Brook, "
Peapack	H P. Thompson	94	409	....	26	3	8	..	4	131	4	4	35	....	1	....	....	100 00	.....	Peapack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	100	450	121	17	5	2	..	2	139	10	2	50	....	1	90	....	173 00	.....	Somerville, "
Third Raritan	James Le Fevre	125	625	182	25	6	9	..	2	204	14	8	85	100	1	160	....	311 62	.....	Raritan, "
Easton	C. H. Edgar	43	....	65	1	1	3	..	..	64	1	9	40	....	1	....	50	99 00	.....	Easton, Pa.
Third New Brunswick	Julius Hones, (S. S.)	24	90	....	3	2	2	..	..	57	25	..	15	....	1	40	....	88 77	.....	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	David Cole	51	192	48	10	9	2	..	1	64	6	4	35	40	1	54	23	98 89	.....	Millstone, "
Warren	J. F. Neef, (S. S.)	38	124	77	1	..	*27	..	..	51	2	..	24	24	1	44	36	4 00	.....	Plainfield, "
Metuchin	J. B. Thompson	54	220	...	4	50	...	..	..	54	...	1	....	....	1	75	60	.....	5,000	Metuchin, "
Plainfield	J. F. Neef, (S. S)	32	102	33	10	3	3	2	..	53	7	..	12	12	1	30	24	9 04	.....	Plainfield, "
	Total	2156	9874	3298	420	184	138	6	58	4118	250	59	904	384	48	2369	913	$5,133 32	$5,000	

* To form a new church in Plainfield. † Pastor elect.

Ministers without Charge.—Alexander McClelland, D.D.; John Proudfit, D.D.; J.W. Serenbetz, D.D.; John Vanderveer, D.D.; William J. Thompson, Robert Julius, William H. Steele, H. B. Stryker, James A. H. Cornell. *Candidates.*—C. R. Van Romondt, John S. Lott.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bergen	Benjamin C. Taylor	280	1400	308	20	18	9	4	10	323	21	3	....	....	1	....	....	$3,750 00	$2,232 00	Hudson, Hudson Co., N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	87	370	82	..	..	...	..	1	81	7	..	30	50	2	100	75	105 00	.....	English Neighborhood, "
1st Church, Hackensack	Alex'r H. Warner, (S. C.)	100	500	121	9	3	...	..	5	128	6	1	80	20	1	130	100	224 00	.....	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
Schraalenbergh	William R. Gordon	160	....	151	22	10	2	..	3	178	10	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Schraalenbergh, " "
Belleville	T. D. Talmage	173	750	232	8	4	2	..	1	241	6	3	175	18	2	260	200	212 00	2,011 00	Belleville, Essex Co., "
1st Church, Jersey City	David H. Riddle	95	475	94	8	13	5	..	..	110	...	2	140	40	1	150	130	.....	.....	Jersey City, "
Bergen Neck	A. L. Stillwell	75	375	62	2	..	...	..	1	63	11	..	25	15	2	120	80	281 00	.....	Salterville, Hudson Co., "
1st Church, Newark	Edward P. Terbune	300	1200	567	32	11	*38	..	6	566	21	2	150	36	3	400	330	11,988 00	7,608 00	Newark, N. J.
Irvington	A. McKelvey	45	225	54	9	2	...	..	1	62	6	6	70	18	2	108	75	70 00	1,451 00	Irvington, Essex Co., N. J.
New Durham	Wm. V. V. Mabon	120	600	86	25	4	...	..	..	115	9	1	110	100	2	250	200	400 00	1,400 00	New Durham, Hud. Co., N. J.
1st Church, Van Vorst	P. D. Van Cleef	156	700	242	19	18	25	..	5	249	19	2	115	37	1	256	186	2,150 00	3,500 00	Jersey City, N. J.
2nd Church, Newark	Gustavus Abeel	100	500	170	21	7	10	1	2	186	14	7	60	40	1	200	160	409 00	.....	Newark, N. J.
3d " Newark	F. A. Lehlback	110	550	266	89	5	56	..	7	297	311	..	38	38	1	100	75	.... ..	.....	Newark, "
Hoboken	A. M. Mann	50	250	....	6	10	...	..	..	60	9	2	80	30	1	80	45	324 00	.....	Hoboken, N. J.
3d Church, Jersey City	C. L. Wells	64	320	....	7	19	5	..	1	57	7	1	90	15	1	150	100	183 00	1,300 00	Jersey City, "
German, North Bergen	Charles Becker	40	140	50	8	..	...	..	..	58	36	..	7	24	1	70	65	22 00	.....	New Durham, Hud. Co., N. J.
Hudson, N. J.	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Bergen Point	Charles Parker	50	250	43	3	..	1	..	1	45	3	1	50	....	1	60	48	.....	.....	Bergen Point, Hud. Co., N. J.
Franklin	Vacant†	45	270	43	3	..	...	..	..	46	2	..	40	10	1	70	60	40 00	.....	Franklin, Essex Co., N. J.
German, Hoboken	L. Mohn	52	200	51	19	..	...	..	..	70	40	..	16	36	1	160	120	28 00	2,450 00	Hoboken, N. J.
2d Church, Hackensack	James Demarest, Jr.	65	325	39	17	7	...	..	..	63	16	4	110	70	1	112	100	785 00	1,917 00	Hack'sack, Bergen Co., N. J.
North Church, Newark	Vacant	60	300	86	..	..	...	..	..	104	...	..	....	100	1	....	190	.....	20,000 00	Newark, Essex Co., N. J.
German Ch., Jersey City	C. S. Dœppenschmidt, Miss'y	140	....	49	17	..	...	..	..	60	79	..	11	25	2	135	110	9 00	.....	Jersey City, N. J.
Ger. Ch., Hackensack	Vacant‡	30	120	29	6	..	...	..	..	35	14	..	....	....	..	....	....	4 00	.....	Hack'sack, Bergen Co., N. J.
	Total	2397	9820	2823	350	131	153	5	44	3197	647	36	1397	722	29	2951	2489	20,984 00	43,869 00	

* Being a correction of error in last year's report. † Supplied by Rev. Joseph McKee. ‡ Supplied by Rev. Charles Becker.

Ministers without Pastoral Charge.—Rev. John L. Chapman, Teacher; Alex'r W. McClure; James M. Bruen; Frederick L. King; John S. Joralmon, Miss'y to China; James Romeyn, *Emeritus;* Alvin Ostrom, Miss'y to China; Rob't B. Campfield, Cor. Sec. Sabbath School Board.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

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Clarkstown	Peter J. Quick	100	400	140	12	3	3	1	3	148	7	2	20	36	1	80	65	$ 250 51	$	Nyack Turnpike, N.Y.
Tappan	Isaac D. Cole	120	500	135	12	3	2	..	4	144	3	1	25	25	1	60	....	150 00	1,850 00	Tappan Town, N. Y.
Aquackononck	J. Paschal Strong	210	1100	233	29	4	..	..	6	260	16	1	150	70	2	200	150	550 00	5,000 00	Passaic, N. J.
1st Church of Totowa	Philip Peltz, (S. C.)	145	780	153	39	11	8	..	5	190	16	7	180	30	1	247	180	528 41	1,705 00	Paterson, N. J.
2d Church of Totowa	John H. Duryea	160	750	236	33	8	2	1	10	264	24	2	100	30	2	240	210	150 00	2,500 00	Paterson, N. J.
Paramus	E. Tanjore Corwin	200	900	*168	19	1	1	1	4	161	16	..	100	25	1	200	100	401 75	890 25	Hohokus, N. J.
Ramapo	William Demarest	47	219	52	6	2	4	..	5	51	3	..	43	....	2	50	....	39 50	.....	Suffern, N. Y.
Saddle River	John Manley	77	275	98	9	5	3	..	3	106	4	1	20	....	1	....	30	.....	.....	Mousey, N. Y.
Pascack	John T. Demarest	74	....	72	5	2	..	..	4	75	10	..	....	....	1	....	....	25 00	.....	Pascack, N. J.
West New Hempstead	Peter Allen	70	365	80	11	6	1	..	1	95	...	3	....	15	1	....	....	82 57	.....	Spring Valley, N.Y.
Warwick	Ferdinand H. Vanderveer	80	....	88	3	2	1	..	1	91	4	1	....	....	1	....	45	220 00	.....	Warwick, N. Y.
Nyack	Daniel Lord	125	500	181	6	9	2	..	..	194	7	..	100	50	1	200	176	400 00	1,100 00	Nyack, N. Y.
Piermont	A. D. Lawrence Jewett	80	400	93	6	..	5	..	2	92	2	..	40	40	1	120	100	400 00	.....	Piermont, N. Y.
Holland Church of Paterson	Vacant†	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Paterson, N. J.
	Total	1488	6189	1729	190	56	32	3	48	1871	112	18	778	321	16	1397	1056	$3,197 74	$13,045 25	

* 23 names dropped of persons whose residences are unknown. † No report.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. William R. Bogardus, Paterson, N. J. *Candidate.*—William G. Haselbarth, Nyack, N. Y.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

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Brooklyn	A. P. Van Gieson	120	600	181	10	15	6	..	3	197	14	3	70	....	2	220	100	$1,860 30	$4,202 86	Brooklyn.
Flatbush	T. M. Strong	90	500	129	3	3	6	..	2	127	13	..	75	....	2	206	160	1,421 09	.....	Flatbush.
New Utrecht	R. O. Currie	80	450	140	15	...	7	..	6	142	13	2	50	....	2	181	142	.....	.....	New Utrecht.
Gravesend	Vacant	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Gravesend.
Flatlands	J. T. M. Davie	76	362	81	25	4	..	..	1	112	7	1	45	17	2	150	120	516 16	.....	Flatlands.
New Lots	J. M. Van Buren	60	300	94	2	3	2	..	1	97	12	..	40	30	1	60	40	226 22	.....	East New York.
East New York	Anson F. Munn	60	350	86	10	6	6	1	..	95	4	2	40	10	1	150	100	574 00	1,592 00	East New York.
South Brooklyn	J. H. Manning	35	175	31	3	5	1	..	..	38	2	..	40	25	1	60	50	68 65	2,180 58	Brooklyn.
Middle Brooklyn	N. E. Smith	225	1100	373	49	30	15	1	8	428	32	17	....	....	1	375	260	1,160 00	10,199 00	Brooklyn.
North Gowanus	N. P. Pierce	80	400	96	15	8	8	..	1	110	10	..	50	....	1	200	130	262 26	1,239 00	Brooklyn.
North Brooklyn	A Elmendorf	192	980	276	21	29	13	1	5	307	14	1	150	95	1	313	215	1,469 44	4,317 90	Brooklyn.
On the Heights	Vacant	210	1400	420	50	22	12	1	11	468	15	8	200	288	4	740	448	4,075 02	9,523 38	Brooklyn.
New Brooklyn	Conrad Dickhaut	50	250	73	4	...	..	..	..	77	20	..	18	18	1	60	50	3 02	....	East New York.
East Brooklyn	Jacob West	56	300	73	22	13	2	..	1	106	5	3	110	97	1	182	115	450 00	1,900 00	Brooklyn.
	Total	1334	7167	2053	229	138	78	4	39	2304	161	37	888	580	20	2897	1930	$12,086 16	$35,154 72	

Ministers without Charge.—R. D. Van Kleek; M. W. Dwight, D.D; R. R. Hall, D.D.; F. M. Schneweiss; D. McL. Gunsaulus, S. G., in charge of Chapel of Church on the Heights; Daniel Rapelje, Missionary; A. J. Labagh; G. W. Bethune, D.D.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Jamaica	J. B. Alliger	†140	750	....	22	8	38	†	2	....	8	2	....	50	2	....	....	$ 250 00	$10,000 00	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	....	160	800	174	3	5	8	.	2	172	15	1	75	30	1	200	150	550 00	.....	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John C. Lowe *	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead	James Demarest	70	350	51	3	1	..	.	3	52	..	..	....	12	2	70	60	180 00	.....	Manhasset, "
Williamsburg	E. S. Porter	210	925	282	33	17	8	..	2	322	16	15	250	...	3	650	480	1,268 92	4,800 00	Williamsburg, "
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	63	300	85	7	2	5	..	4	85	17	1	55	18	1	90	70	1,046 04	1,929 14	Astoria, "
Green Point	Goyn Talmage	85	425	96	7	7	5	..	1	104	11	1	100	70	1	234	170	413 35	2,176 00	Green Point, "
Flushing	G. H. Mandeville, (S. C.)	70	325	60	8	13	3	..	2	76	4	2	10	25	1	70	50	861 21	1,500 00	Flushing, "
South Bushwick	J. S. Himrod	60	300	51	13	2	4	..	..	62	5	4	80	100	1	120	90	100 00	1,000 00	Williamsburg, "
Lee Avenue	.....	135	700	188	30	22	3	..	2	235	9	7	500	90	1	1600	1000	.....	.....	
East Williamsburg	J. McC. Holmes	65	325	38	8	13	..	..	..	59	3	2	40	40	1	175	120	305 47	848 71	Maspeth, "
2d Church, Newtown, (Ger.)	Conrad Dickhaut, (S. S)	26	80	60	8	...	..	..	..	68	20	..	8	8	..	....	....	3 58	.....	Newtown, "
Queens	John W. Hammond *	60	300	14	3	18	..	..	..	35	7	1	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Queens, "
Wood Haven	....	28	140	17	...	2	..	..	1	18	2	..	....	....	1	67	55	.....	.....	
North 6th St. Ch., Wmsb'rg.	Ira C. Boice, (S. S.)	....	..	....	...	...	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	1172	5720	1116	145	110	74	..	19	1288	117	36	1118	443	15	3276	2245	$4978 57	$22,253 85	

* Pastor elect. † The Classis have organized two churches within its bounds.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John W. Ward, E. B. Atwater, P. S. Williamson, Jefferson Wynkoop, and John Gray, *Emeritus.*

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST O. ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total new in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Church, Poughkeepsie	G. M. McEckron	180	900	300	43	17	6	..	11	285		2	18	....	75	1	240	180	$972 71	.....	Poughkeepsie.
Second Church, "	C. S. Hageman, (S. C.)	105	450	112	33	14	2	..	2	155		8	22	25	60	1	130	110	655 41	.....	Poughkeepsie.
Fishkill	F. M. Kipp	85	....	159	41	5	3	1	3	199		1	19	83	....	1	111	....	425 86	.....	Fishkill.
Hopewell	O. E. Cobb	90	450	204	42	1	4	..	5	238		11	15	....	....	3	120	90	302 93	.....	Adriance.
Rhinebeck	Wm. A. Miller	180	....	262	10	6	3	..	9	266		6	4	100	....	3	170	....	452 70	.....	Rhinebeck.
New Hackensack	C. Van Cleef	120	650	229	16	2	1	..	..	246		5	9	....	30	4	170	130	270 75	.....	New Hackensack.
Fishkill Landing	J. H. Suydam	102	450	150	9	8	6	..	3	138		4	1	90	64	1	116	90	456 86	.....	Fishkill Landing.
Greenbush	H. Vedder	90	....	140	1	..	..	1	2	138		3	..	....	....	3	....	60	.....	.....	Pine Plains.
Hyde Park	H. Dater	85	400	160	15	6	8	..	2	171		8	4	50	....	3	60	....	66 09	.....	Hyde Park.
Glenham	J. H. Bevier	33	160	78	11	4	19	..	1	73		4	4	50	25	1	65	45	87 00	.....	Glenham.
Cold Spring	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....		..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	1070	3460	1774	221	63	52	2	38	1909		52	96	308	264	21	1182	705	$3,671 21	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—S. Van Vechten and W. A. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Harlingen	John Gardner	160	800	195	28	8	10	..	1	220	10	8	50	....	6	250	200	$ 256 64	$ 1,070 00	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	John Van Liew	180	900	210	12	2	6	..	5	213	14	1	50	...	5	200	....	320 00	1,100 00	Readington, N. J.
Neshanic	Gabriel Ludlow	180	900	192	11	4	4	1	5	197	17	..	90	80	5	150	....	2,336 00	.....	Neshanic, N. J.
1st Church, Philadelphia	A. A. Willets	200	1000	388	54	6	13	1	2	432	26	29	275	40	3	525	470	1,500 00	5,000 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
2d do. do.	J. F. Berg	200	800	....	24	11	6	..	5	284	7	4	....	....	3	....	....	1,138 00	.....	do.
3d do. do.	W. J. R. Taylor	120	500	172	33	7	4	..	5	203	12	5	200	75	2	201	150	1,500 00	6,570 00	do.
N. and S. Hampton	A. O. Halsey	182	900	330	2	1	2	1	5	326	14	2	15	63	9	550	...	340 00	1,044 00	Richboro', Bucks Co., Pa.
Blawenburgh	Theo. B. Romeyn, (S. C.)	95	....	124	28	8	8	..	2	150	6	9	50	75	8	....	...	550 00	1,050 00	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Stanton	H. Doolittle	100	500	174	5	..	2	..	1	176	1	2	85	32	3	....	....	132 00	.....	Stanton, N. J.
Manayunk	Wm. Fulton	60	200	118	18	2	1	1	4	132	3	4	15	30	1	160	140	35 00	.....	Manayunk, Pa.
Rocky Hill	M. L. Schenck	54	300	43	10	11	3	..	1	60	4	6	18	40	1	80	....	120 00	2,960 00	.....
	Total	1531	6800	1946	225	60	59	4	36	2393	114	70	848	455	46	2116	960	$8,227 64	$18,794 00	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. C. P. Wack. *Candidate.*—Charles Collins.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Boardville	Jas. E. Bernart, Miss'y	40	215	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	20	....	1	20	20	$ 37 12	....	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	80	400	184	3	1	..	..	2	186	8	2	15	12	2	100	80	40 00	$1,600 00	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	John C. Cruikshank	60	300	84	3	7	5	..	4	85	9	..	20	24	1	90	80	.....	.....	Little Falls, "
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	160	800	167	29	4	2	..	4	194	14	4	50	40	4	155	120	128 29	.....	Montville, Morris County, N. J.
Pompton Plains	J. Ferguson Harris	173	865	201	12	1	3	..	1	210	9	2	70	75	4	200	140	150 21	.....	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton	John Gaston	125	650	140	19	1	2	..	2	156	19	5	50	60	3	175	125	306 00	.....	Pompton, "
Ponds	Barnabas V. Collins	80	200	51	6	..	2	..	..	55	9	..	15	12	1	32	28	.....	30 00	Pompton, "
Preakness	John A. Staats, (S. C.)	80	400	62	5	..	2	..	1	64	11	..	110	30	1	114	71	60 00	.....	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	P. Stryker Talmage	90	450	73	21	1	1	..	..	94	4	4	100	....	2	120	....	100 00	.....	Bloomfield, Essex Co., N. J.
Wyckoff	Abram G. Ryerson	100	500	105	15	..	..	..	1	119	20	1	50	30	3	100	90	50 00	.....	Paterson, N. J.
	Total	988	4780	1067	115	15	17	..	15	1163	103	18	500	283	22	1106	754	$ 901 62	$1,630 00	

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson	D. D. Demarest, (S.C)	140	600	171	20	5	7	1	2	186	3	8	90	40	1	200	130	$ 696 57	$3,500 00	Hudson, Columbia Co., N. Y.
1st Church, Claverack*	Vacant	200	1000	....	..	..	..	..	..	308	..	..	..	....	4	200	....	.....	.....	Claverack, " "
2d Church, Claverack	John H. Pitcher	100	550	101	4	2	2	1	1	104	1	..	....	20	4	....	120	110 00	.....	Mellenville, " "
Linlithgow	Chas. I. Shepard	162	900	197	25	3	4	1	..	221	12	4	45	50	5	225	175	263 36	1,550 00	Livingston, " "
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	71	200	....	1	2	..	..	3	82	4	..	....	....	1	40	....	64 00	.....	Upper Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y.
Germantown	Abr. H. Myers	70	350	124	16	1	3	..	2	136	9	2	15	25	1	40	25	105 32	862 33	Germantown, Columbia Co., "
Greenport	Horace W. Finch	85	425	102	4	..	2	..	1	103	8	..	....	....	1	75	50	12 00	958 00	Hudson, " "
Taghkanic	Wm. Lyall	80	400	102	..	..	2	1	3	94	3	..	....	....	3	150	100	.....	.....	Copake, " "
	Total	908	4425	797	70	13	20	4	12	1234	41	14	150	135	20	930	600	$1,251 25	$6,870 33	

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.	
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.		Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
..	91	....	167	13	4	7	..	2	171		15	2	50	70	1	120	82	[illegible]	[illegible]
..	96	475	169	18	16	15	..	..	188		7	[illegible]							

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First Freehold.....	Ralph Willis	90	450	135	8	..	2	..	2	139	6	4	40	45	..	70	50	$ 478 00	$1,330 00	Marlboro', Monmouth Co., N. J.
Second Freehold.....	Ezra W. Collier.....	90	450	153	22	9	3	..	3	178	14	5	53	42	1	95	75	473 00	1,627 00	Freehold, " "
Middletown	Wm. Reiley.....	90	450	103	32	6	1	..	3	137	12	14	....	....	..	....	....	295 00	.. ....	Holmdel, " "
Spotswood	A Van Dewater....	40	200	72	8	..	2	..	2	74	5	2	....	....	3	150	100	30 00	.....	Spotswood, Middlesex Co., "
Middletown Village...	A. C. Millspaugh, (S. C.).	65	360	116	2	3	1	..	1	119	2	..	30	15	1	50	40	50 00	900 00	Middletown, Monmouth Co., "
Key Port.....	Samuel Lockwood.	45	200	38	..	1	..	..	2	37	4	..	25	25	1	50	30	35 00	115 00	Key Port, " "
Long Branch.....	James B. Wilson.	42	205	37	5	4	2	..	1	44	2	2	16	20	2	60	40	53 00	728 00	Long Branch, " "
Colt's Neck	Jacob S. Wyckoff	60	300	52	7	2	..	..	..	61	1	3	30	10	1	50	40	27 00	.....	Colt's Neck, " "
	Total.....	522	2615	706	84	25	11	..	14	789	46	30	94	157	9	525	375	$1,241 00	$4,700 00	

Minister without Charge.—Garret C. Schanck. *Candidate.*—William A. Shaw.

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—SOUTHERN INDIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes. R. A. P.	Congregational Purposes.	
Ref. Dutch Ch. in Chittoor....	Wm. W. Scudder, absent.	46	187	50	5	..	2	1	1	51	14	5	26	187	2	43	35	216..0..0	.....	
" " Arnee.	J. W. Scudder.....	10	51	10	4	1	2	..	..	13	..	5	8	61	2	21	21	211..4..0	.....	
" " Rahnepettah	Vacant.—A Catechist	5	26	6	4	5	5	1	..	9	6	5	....	26	1	10	10	6..0..0	.....	
" " Vellore.....	H. M. Scudder, absent....	36	146	43	..	1	5	..	5	34	11	1	18	80	2	38	22	99..0..0	.....	
" " Coonoor ...	Joseph Scudder.....	40	140	37	7	2	10	..	1	35	9	1	5	140	2	38	30	295..0..0	.....	
"	Total.....	137	550	146	20	9	24	2	7	142	40	17	57	494	9	150	118	827..4..0	.....	

REMARKS.—The sums noted under the head of "Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes" include the tenth of each Missionary's salary. The sums contributed by the native members of the churches are as follows: Chittoor Church, 16..0..0; Arnee Church, 5..4..0; Rahnepettah Church, 6.[illegible]; Vellore Church, 9..0..0; Coonoor Church, 95..0..0.

Minister without Charge.—The Rev. E. C. Scudder has no station of his own, but has had charge of the Chittoor Church during Rev. W. W. Scudder's absence.

Candidate.—Andrew Sawyer, for ordination.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Albany	E. P. Rogers	200	1000	476	15	1	2	..	3	487	9	2	....	....	1	275	150	$2,876 46	$21,300 00	Albany.
2d Church of Albany	I. N. Wyckoff, (S.C.)	242	1212	548	39	24	31	..	10	570	20	6	137	25	1	291	168	2,344 66	3,248 75	do.
3d Church of Albany	A. Dickson	100	300	220	8	3	6	..	..	225	8	..	....	....	1	160	140	145 00	1,547 00	do.
Bethlehem	J. Simonson	180	900	262	15	4	..	..	4	277	9	5	70	94	5	166	120	352 60	1,498 00	do.
2d Bethlehem	J. A. Lansing	110	540	141	2	10	3	..	2	148	2	1	50	30	2	120	90	270 00	1,160 00	do.
Union	J. M. Compton	46	210	43	5	..	1	..	..	47	3	4	19	9	1	46	30	15 81	420 00	Union Church.
Jerusalem		81	365	75	13	..	1	..	1	86	3	2	49	9	1	37	25	24 61	420 00	do.
Coeymans	H. B. Gardiner	100	500	76	30	2	2	..	..	101	3	9	64	25	2	75	60	85 48	540 00	Coeymans.
New Baltimore		78	390	86	7	..	2	1	1	89	28	3	28	40	2	87	75	121 50	576 00	New Baltimore.
Salem	A. G. Lansing	105	525	185	17	3	7	1	1	163	10	7	119	42	1	150	73	76 06	1,942 70	Salem.
Clarksville		40	200	....	4	6	..	..	..	20	2	..	50	10	1	60	30	8 10	315 43	New Salem.
Westerlo	F. Dyer	75	300	..	..	..	3	5	..	146	3	4	....	....	4	150	....	32 06	600 00	Westerlo.
Berne	Vacant,*	53	320	63	12	1	1	..	..	....	11	2	....	....	1	40	....	.....	150 00	Berne.
German Church	H. F. Schnellendruessler	14	55	34	9	1	8	..	..	36	5	..	6	47	1	100	51	82 51	185 00	Albany.
Onisquethaw	S. Van Santvoord	50	300	63	5	..	3	..	1	65	6	1	....	....	1	50	....	75 00	350 00	New Baltimore.

* Supplied by M. Cordell.

Ministers without Charge.—J. Van Vechten, G. G. Sill. *Absent.*—P. Pepper.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious [illegible]
.....	90	490	56	7	2	1	..	1	[illegible]	11							
der, ...	[illegible]	[illegible]															

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions. *		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Blooming Grove	L. H. Van Dyck	76	....	61	1	..	1	..	2	59	...	..	47	40	2	80	..	$ 63 09	$ 823 87	Defreestville.
Chatham	E. Holmes *.	80	....	83	4	4	5	..	1	85	6	2	33	30	1	50	....	193 64	1,000 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
Castleton	E. P. Stimpson	100	....	135	2	3	1	..	2	137	6	1	....	....	1	50	....	60 00	2,000 00	Castleton.
1st Ghent	Wm. W. Letson	60	....	62	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Ghent.
2d Ghent	J. H. Van Woert	118	....	143	...	..	10	..	4	129	5	..	....	38	1	80	....	500 00	1,040 68	Hudson.
Greenbush	J. R. Talmage	160	....	198	5	2	1	..	2	202	3	..	50	60	5	125	....	142 00	.....	East Greenbush.
Kinderhook	J. R. Berry	200	....	290	17	15	10	..	6	306	12	3	....	50	3	150	....	1,164 61	2,700 00	Kinderhook.
Nassau	R. H. Steele	160	....	253	7	3	3	..	5	255	7	3	50	50	4	200	....	280 00	1,290 00	Nassau.
New Concord	H. E. Decker	55	....	60	...	4	..	..	..	64	1	..	50	30	1	40	....	30 00	400 00	East Chatham.
Schodack	B. F. Snyder	200	....	....	3	9	8	..	4	176	10	2	....	50	3	....	....	251 75	1,100 00	Schodack Landing.
Stuyvesant	E. Nevius, (S. C.)	110	....	98	6	1	..	1	..	104	6	2	....	....	1	70	....	186 48	806 00	Stuyvesant.

* Church vacant; connection between pastor and people dissolved at present session; dissolution to take effect after second Sabbath in May.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

ORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contri
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.
.....	80	.....	....	...	...	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	$ .....
.....	150	80	....	...	...	..	..	..	135	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....
.....	....	.....	57	†60	13	7	..	2	121	3	15	....	100	1	163		
.....	50	200	75	...	...												

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST O. ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Schoharie	C. E. Crispell	94	450	138	18	2	6	1	3	148	4	5	50	30	2	163	95	$213 00	$973 91	Schoharie.
Middleburg	E. Vedder, (S. C.)	78	400	97	11	1	..	1	1	107	3	2	30	35	2	100	75	155 00	739 00	Middleburg.
Schoharie Mt.	do. (S. S.)	50	150	41	14	..	..	..	..	55	..	3	....	....	..	....	....	10 00	115 00	do.
Berne	J. C. Van Liew	60	....	81	6	2	..	..	..	89	6	1	6	10	2	130	100	47 00	469 00	Berne.
Beaver Dam	do.	55	....	60	7	4	3	..	1	67	..	..	5	10	2	75	60	12 44	325 00	do.
Lawyerville	H. A. Raymond	80	350	64	18	..	..	..	1	81	3	6	12	20	1	40	30	48 63	450 00	Lawyerville.
Sharon	do.	100	500	96	1	..	2	..	3	92	5	..	10	15	1	30	....	24 25	380 00	do.
Gilboa	Wm. G. E. See, (Pastor Elect,)	140	650	206	2	1	4	..	..	205	1	1	....	30	2	200	175	.....	650 00	Gilboa.
N. Blenheim	Vacant	45	200	46	3	..	..	..	3	46	3	..	....	....	1	60	....	.....	350 00	North Blenheim.
Eminence	do.	19	90	14	1	3	..	1	1	16	1	1	....	....	1	40	....	.....	100 00	Eminence.
Breakabin	do.	28	130	....	5	..	..	..	..	39	..	1	....	....	1	60	....	.....	75 00	Breakabin.
Gallupville	G. Lane	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Gallupville.
Knox	do.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do.
Cobleskill	Vacant	20	100	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cobleskill.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Scribner; Rev. Wm. A. Benedict; Rev. Elisha D. Bates; Rev. Joseph Mayou, Missionary to India; Elihu Doty, Missionary to China; E. Vedder, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

TORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contrib
	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.
.....	294	1400	416	22	1	4	..	18	417	14	4	....	....	1	230	190	$ 1,027 31
.....	111	550	125	18	2	2	..	1	142	2	4	....	30	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	42	200	108	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Owasco	Wilson Ingalls	105	560	119	13	..	3	1	..	128	2	11	....	80	2	75	....	$ 303 19	$ 600 00	Owasco.
Syracuse	Vacant	85	350	100	...	2	2	1	..	99	2	..	....	....	..	....	....	240 24	.....	Syracuse.
Canistota	J. Garretson, (P. E.)	50	250	....	6	2	1	..	..	28	4	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Canistota.
Utica *	G. H. Fisher	80	320	189	...	..	..	..	..	189	...	..	....	....	..	....	164	.....	.....	Utica.
Lysander *	Vacant	....	....	31	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lysander.
Thousand Isles	Geo. Rockwell, (M.)	75	....	20	2	..	..	..	1	21	...	1	10	20	3	....	125	12 50	200 00	Alexandria, Jeff. Co.
Cicero	Vacant	...	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cicero.
Sand Beach	Vacant	....	268	96	8	3	6	1	3	97	7	2	10	....	3	130	100	325 00	400 00	Auburn.
Chittenango	S. P. M. Hastings, (S. C.)	114	....	76	11	2	1	..	1	87	...	2	....	....	3	220	160	157 16	1,275 00	Chittenango.
West Leyden	John Boehrer	16	32	37	4	..	..	..	1	40	27	..	12	....	..	....	....	14 36	175 00	West Leyden.
Naumburg	William Wolff, (M.)	40	160	107	13	..	13	18	..	89	8	..	26	45	2	50	50	34 00	150 00	Naumburg, Lewis Co.
New Bremen	William Wolff, (M.)	20	100	63	2	..	6	8	..	49	2	..	...	....	1	20	20	.....	.....	do. do.

* Last year's report.

Ministers without Charge.—W. J. Bradford, S. R. Brown, Guido F. Verbeck, Missionaries to Japan.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	70	350	73	1	2	1	..	4	71	4	..	....	....	2	60	60	$ 156 00	$ 902 00	St. Andrews, N.Y.
Montgomery	Vacant	175	1050	300	5	..	5	..	5	295	9	1	145	120	..	....	....	500 00	15,000 00	Montgomery, "
Shawangunk	Chas. Scott, (S. C.)	215	1050	278	28	4	12	..	20	278	24	5	100	130	4	200	160	275 00	967 00	Bruynswick, "
New Prospect	Wm. Hamilton	125	600	141	21	8	4	..	4	162	17	4	63	120	4	126	97	160 00	1,400 00	Ulsterville, "
Deerpark	S. W. Mills	100	500	87	12	5	3	..	..	101	3	2	....	35	2	150	90	1,089 60	1,201 22	Port Jervis, "
Newburgh	Vacant	90	450	159	18	6	22	..	..	161	11	5	115	105	1	125	115	545 00	1,800 63	Newburgh, "
Minisink*	do.	40	150	60	..	..	..	..	..	60	....	..	....	....	2	65	46	.....	.....	Montague, N. J.
New Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	900	122	12	4	1	..	4	133	9	2	141	62	5	200	150	472 60	1,550 00	New Hurley, N.Y.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	95	500	148	31	3	3	..	5	174	5	3	100	80	1	125	90	500 00	850 00	Walden, "
Walpack	Robt. Pitts, (S. S.)	129	546	205	7	1	..	..	4	209	6	1	....	....	3	170	150	24 50	.....	Delaware, Pike Co., Pa.
Bloomingburgh	J. Searle, Jr.	108	540	....	6	3	4	1	4	151	2	1	50	20	1	60	50	92 00	.....	Bloomingburgh, N.Y.
Ellenville	E. W. Bentley	140	550	148	9	5	7	..	2	153	15	2	....	30	1	175	125	316 09	3,032 89	Ellenville, "
Fallsburgh	J. Searle, Sen.	100	525	178	10	2	4	..	2	184	6	5	43	30	2	125	90	213 27	.....	Woodbourne, "
Wawarsing	N. D. Williamson	150	760	150	7	3	6	..	4	150	10	1	60	70	6	195	150	120 00	800 00	Napanoch, "
Grahamville	David A. Jones	40	180	59	4	5	..	..	1	67	....	1	12	....	1	35	25	27 78	248 00	Grahamville, "
Mamakating	Vacant	70	340	107	1	..	4	..	6	98	2	..	70	30	4	100	75	.....	.....	Wurtsborough, "
Upper Neversink	David A. Jones	22	100	...	..	2	..	..	1	14	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	22 44	73 00	Claryville, "
Middleport	Nathan W. Jones	100	500	52	14	1	2	..	..	65	7	2	..	10	1	40	25	.....	.....	Kerhauksen, "
Cuddebackville	Henry Morris	50	200	28	3	..	..	..	..	31	4	3	....	....	1	50	40	18 36	.....	Cuddebackville, "
Second Ellenville†	J. R. Pfister	30	125	65	3	..	10	..	1	57	20	..	14	....	1	30	30	10 00	.....	Ellenville, "
Jeffersonville†	F. W. A. Reidel, (S. S.)	20	100	40	15	..	3	..	..	52	26	..	17	44	1	51	51	2 00	55 98	Jeffersonville, "
Thompsonville†	do. do.	25	125	25	20	..	..	..	..	45	18	..	5	....	1	42	42	.....	60 60	Callicoon Centre, "
Beekbrook† ‡	do. do.	25	125	....	34	..	..	..	..	34	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	North Branch, "
Milesville† ‡	do. do.	30	150	....	31	..	..	..	..	31	8	..	2	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Fremont Centre, "
	Total	2124	10416	2425	292	54	89	1	67	2776	206	38	937	886	44	2124	1661	$4,444 64	27,941 32	

* Last year's report. † German Churches. ‡ Newly organized.

Ministers without Charge—J. Boyd, Wm. S. Heyer, and M. N. McLaren, (Newburgh.) Wm. Youngblood, (Montgomery,) and J. Hones, (New Brunswick, N. J.)

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
1st Church, Athens	Vacant	70	300	....	2	2	*	..	4	102	6	..	....	....	1	....	60	$ 140 00	$ 600 00	Athens.
Catskill	R. B. Welch	225	1060	356	36	6	6	..	4	388	12	8	220	180	6	310	260	355 00	1,500 00	Catskill.
1st Church, Coxsackie	Vacant	195	950	344	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.. ....	Coxsackie.
2d Church, Coxsackie	Vacant	85	450	....	4	3	..	..	2	124	16	..	....	....	1	65	40	249 91	.....	do.
Kiskatom	Calvin Case	70	280	128	12	5	3	..	2	140	6	5	30	40	3	70	....	90 00	635 00	Kiskatom.
Leeds	S. T. Searle, (S. C.)	95	450	143	14	..	†	..	1	138	5	3	50	50	3	123	96	116 26	.....	Leeds.
Moresville	W. D. Buckelew	40	200	....	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	....	....	1	....	60	.....	‡1,800 00	Moresville.
Prattsville	Wm. Johns	50	300	....	5	2	3	..	1	62	1	..	....	....	1	75	....	235 00	.....	Prattsville.
Roxbury	Wm. E. Turner	60	....	53	30	5	3	..	2	83	3	16	10	20	2	....	....	.....	.....	Roxbury.
2d Church, Athens	Vacant	30	150	....	1	45	..	..	..	46	..	..	....	....	1	....	30	14 00	.....	Athens.

* 12, 11, to join 2d Church of Athens. † 15, 9, to join 2d Church of Athens. ‡ To erect a new church edifice.

Minister without Charge.—Rev. J. Minor, Agent of Board of Publication.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, (S. C.)	142	650	203	24	5	6	..	3	223	6	3	57	40	4	200	175	$ 399 41	$ 914 65	Lodi, Seneca Co.
Farmer	B. Bassler	100	500	....	42	2	2	..	4	154	3	21	....	40	1	100	90	253 40	933 00	Farmer, do.
Geneva	J. A. Collier	160	650	170	34	7	2	..	2	210	9	5	60	120	1	160	100	766 44	1,651 91	Geneva, Ontario Co.
Ithaca	J. W. Schenck	114	407	120	32	7	5	..	3	151	7	19	50	16	1	106	72	358 38	1,719 77	Ithaca, Tompkins Co.
Arcadia	Vacant	20	100	29	...	...	1	..	..	28	...	..	....	....	1	15	....	.....	.....	Arcadia, Wayne Co.
Tyre	J. R. Van Arsdale	50	260	60	13	1	..	..	..	74	2	5	18	....	2	60	....	25 00	425 00	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
Caroline	J. Whitbeck	45	150	53	2	2	2	..	2	53	...	1	20	15	1	40	30	40 00	260 00	Slaterville, Tompkins Co.
Wolcott *	C. Gates	40	200	....	...	...	..	..	..	41	3	..	25	12	1	35	25	17 00	950 00	Fairhaven, Cayuga Co.
Waterloo	Vacant	40	60	15	...	...	..	..	..	15	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Waterloo, Seneca Co.
1st Buffalo	J. L. See	25	100	27	12	10	..	..	1	48	2	3	25	15	1	60	45	50 00	400 00	Buffalo.
2d Buffalo	Vacant	16	60	48	3	1	18	..	..	34	4	..	3	12	..	....	....	.....	.....	do.
Pultneyville	A. K. Kasse	62	300	...	2	7	1	..	2	124	15	..	50	20	1	50	40	10 00	214 83	E. Williamson, Wayne Co.
Rochester	W. C Wust	123	523	272	10	7	5	..	5	289	45	..	20	120	..	....	....	468 31	799 23	Rochester, box 2,304.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewold	42	190	66	2	14	..	..	..	80	9	..	48	30	1	50	40	131 00	200 00	Clymer, Chatauque Co.
Cato	A. G. Morse, (S. S.)	23	50	31	...	...	..	..	..	31	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	307 67	Cato, Cayuga Co.
Mina Corners	Vacant	19	90	37	2	...	..	1	..	39	9	..	28	15	1	28	22	6 00	100 00	
Athens	A. F. Todd	60	270	....	16	†79	..	..	..	95	...	5	....	....	1	60	45	.....	.....	Athens, Bradford Co., Pa.

* Report of last year. † Received at the organization.

Ministers without Charge.—R. W. Knight and J. Hammond. *Emeriti.*—J. Beattie, (Lockport,) and J. Abell, (West Payette, Seneca Co., N. Y.)

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bloomingdale	J. R. Lente	64	256	101	2	..	1	1	1	100	4	..	44	....	1	68	36	$ 25 24	$607 94	Kingston.
Clove	J. N. Voorhees	150	740	101	20	1	3	..	4	115	15	3	40	....	2	110	....	127 67	$1,450 00	High Falls.
Dashville Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	10	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Guilford	J. N. Jansen	152	750	107	4	1	3	..	3	106	13	..	30	40	4	100	60	180 10	1,800 00	Tuthill.
Hurley	B. C. Lippencott	72	432	114	8	..	2	..	1	119	11	1	35	30	1	80	60	196 60	450 00	Hurley.
2d Church, Kingston	A. Dubois, (S. C.)	70	200	100	21	6	12	..	1	108	5	..	....	....	1	125	80	136 50	1,500 00	Kingston.
Marbletown	Vacant	160	870	153	21	6	5	..	5	163	15	7	....	....	5	....	....	514 77	1,465 00	Stone Ridge.
New Paltz	C. H. Stitt	225	1350	223	104	3	1	..	1	328	28	15	215	260	6	....	337	917 19	3,075 00	New Paltz.
N. Marbletown	B. C. Lippencott, (S. S.).	101	505	79	4	2	1	..	1	83	11	1	....	....	2	60	50	99 26	1,000 00	Hurley.
Rochester	C. Wyckoff	200	750	163	8	4	3	..	6	166	22	..	30	20	4	175	....	.....	.....	Accord.
Rosendale	J. R. Lente	50	233	43	7	3	4	..	1	48	3	1	15	6	1	30	20	15 67	351 52	Rosendale.
Samsonville	J. Markle	30	380	39	3	..	1	..	..	41	4	..	....	....	1	50	35	21 54	....	Samsonville.

Minister without Charge.—S. Harlow. *Emeriti.*—E. Dupuy, John L. McNair.

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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West Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	550	316	4	7	4	1	3	323	3	1	20	40	1	160	100	$ 524 00	$2,300 00	West Troy.
Southwest Troy	G. L. Roof	85	370	109	18	2	..	..	2	127	13	7	...	50	1	150	120	206 90	1,193 33	do.
Wynantskill	J. Stevenson	43	135	79	3	..	..	..	2	82	...	1	18	....	1	40	35	64 00	800 00	Wynantskill.
Boght	J. Du Bois	64	300	92	8	4	..	..	..	104	...	4	....	....	1	40	30	156 00	630 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. Van Brunt	70	300	92	21	1	1	..	1	113	6	11	12	10	1	80	65	25 00	500 00	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (S. C.)	90	400	146	45	3	4	..	2	188	10	14	50	25	1	170	130	434 67	1,440 00	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	Vacant	40	200	62	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	...	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	West Troy.
Union Village	John Steele	80	400	202	...	1	8	..	2	193	3	..	30	....	1	40	....	.....	.....	Greenwich.
Saratoga	F. Merrill	80	320	120	8	6	6	..	2	126	...	4	....	4	1	60	40	44 00	841 00	Schuylerville.
Ballston	J. B. Shaw	58	260	98	3	5	4	..	1	101	...	1	35	....	2	90	....	167 00	700 00	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton	Vacant *	50	150	40	3	..	..	..	1	42	...	3	50	20	1	70	60	50 00	275 00	North Easton.
Scaghticoke	Vacant †	40	150	60	...	..	..	..	3	57	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	36 00	300 00	Scaghticoke.
Northumberland, Gansevoort	G. McCartney	70	250	110	5	1	..	..	..	116	...	..	...	....	..	....	....	40 00	533 00	Northumberland.
		30	120	29	3	7	..	..	..	39	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	15 00	200 00	
Jackson	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Fort Miller	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

* Supplied by A. G. Cochran. † Supplied by R. Van Brunt.

Ministers without Charge.—John Smith, J. Birkby, C. Van Santvoord, H. Slauson.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Fairview	Wm. Anderson	135	....	172	22	7	4	..	1	196	17	5	50	215	3	236	180	$ 267 00	$2,921 65	Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.
Pekin	A. Lloyd, (S. C.)	60	....	40	3	3	1	..	1	44	2	..	....	....	2	175	130	104 00	850 00	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Vanderveer	S. B. Ayres	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	.... ..	.....	Pleasant Plains, Sangamon Co., Ill.
Burlington	J. Müller	19	....	....	1	1	..	..	..	24	1	..	20	....	1	....	....	.....	.....	Burlington, Iowa.
Silver Creek	J. M. Wagner	112	....	40	20	2	..	3	..	61	29	..	30	60	3	65	50	95 00	1,086 00	Silver Creek, Stephenson Co., Ill.
Spring Lake	S. A. Bumstead	25	....	36	1	3	..	..	..	40	..	..	....	30	2	90	....	55 00	95 00	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Raritan	C. D. Eltinge	40	....	35	17	7	4	..	..	55	10	4	20	....	3	75	...	15 00	.....	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Bushnell	E. P. Livingston	23	....	22	...	9	..	..	1	30	8	..	....	30	1	30	25	.....	.....	Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.
Keokuk	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Quincy	.....	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
	Total	414	....	345	64	32	9	3	3	450	67	9	120	335	15	671	385	$536 00	$4,952 65	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. A. D. Wilson, Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.; Rev. J. Ford Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Recd On Confession.	Recd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Battle Creek	H. J. Brown	30	....	30	11	6	1	..	1	45	3	6		....	2	100	....	$ 30 00	$ 562 00	Battle Creek, Michigan.
Centreville	Jos. H. Kershaw	40	....	50	7	..	..	..	2	55	4	..	....	20	4	120	....	42 00	405 00	Centreville, St. Joseph's Co., Michigan.
Constantine	Wm. Bailey, (S. C.)	50	....	51	9	3	4	..	2	57	2	2	25	30	2	100	....	25 00	575 00	Constantine, " " "
Grand Rapids	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Grand Rapids, Kent Co., "
Jefferson and Pittsford	....	40	....	16	4	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	....	....	2	....	....	.....	200 00	Sparta, Hillsdale Co., "
Macon	H. Heermance	32	....	42	2	..	2	..	..	42	1	..	....	15	1	55	....	17 18	200 00	Macon, Lenawee Co., "
Mottville	Wm. Bailey	40	....	39	6	2	2	..	..	45	..	1	10	....	..	....	....	10 00	150 00	Constantine,
Ridgeway	H. Heermance	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
South Bend	T. W. Van Doren	10	....	17	..	..	3	..	..	14	1	..	....	....	1	25	....	.....	250 00	South Bend, Indiana.
	Total	242		245	39	11	12		5	278	11	9	35	65	12	400		$124 18	$2,342 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Revs. John G. Tarbell and J. H. Sheffield.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Drenthe	Vacant	29	....	60	2	1	..	..	2	60	9	..	22	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Zeeland, Ottawa Co., Michigan.
Graafschap	Vacant	20	....	35	5	1	2	..	1	38	8	..	12	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Fillmore, Allegan Co., "
Grand Haven	P. J. Oggel, (S. C.)	150	...	208	27	6	13	..	1	227	54	..	75	60	..	70	....	$ 210 00	$ 1,300 00	Grand Haven, Ottawa Co., "
Grand Rapids	W. H Houbolt, (S. S.)	...	....	....	25	14	4	2	5	130	30	..	130	....	..	....	....	53 01	1,489 58	Grand Rapids, Kent Co., "
Holland	A. C. Van Raalte	168	....	334	24	7	5	..	3	357	40	..	150	...	..	130	....	425 50	1,553 00	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Kalamazoo	H. G. Klyn.	104	...	115	39	7	1	2	8	178	40	..	166	...	..	90	....	.....	.....	Kalamazoo, "
Noordeloos	Vacant	25	....	23	6	..	..	..	6	40	...	..	25	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Holland, Ottawa Co., "
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	67	....	165	10	7	2	..	2	178	19	..	60	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Overyssel, Allegan Co., "
Pella	Vacant	149	....	200	80	15	4	..	4	295	150	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Polkton	Vacant	...	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Eastmanville, Ottawa Co., Michigan.
Vriesland	A. Zwemer	76	....	100	11	5	1	..	4	111	25	2	95	....	..	....	....	50 00	.....	Zeeland, " "
Zeeland	Vacant	181	....	302	14	7	6	..	64	323	...	..	200	....	..	....	....	192 66	1,063 00	" " "
	Total	969		1542	243	70	38	4	100	1937	375	2	935	60		290		$931 18	$5,405 58	

Minister without Charge.—Rev. G. Van de Wall, Instructor in the Holland Academy, and Missionary Preacher.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Beneveolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Franklin	Vacant	29	....	67	5	...	1	2	2	60	8	..	32	....	..	....	....	$ 30 21	.....	Franklin, Milwaukie Co., Wis.
Alto	H. Stobbelaar	52	....	....	20	2	..	..	2	75	21	..	100	...	..	....	....	27 10	.....	Alto, Wisconsin.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	..	...	..	..	..	21	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.
Holland	W. Van Leüwen	63	....	129	6	2	2	4	1	133	22	..	74	50	1	50	....	15 37	.....	Holland, Cedar Gr. P. O, Wis.
Oostburg*	K. Van der Schuur	80	....	110	...	...	..	..	..	110	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Oostburg, " "
Gibbsville	Vacant	25	....	58	..	...	..	..	..	66	...	..	....	....	1	....	....	1 75	.....	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., "
Bethlehem	do.	23	....	....	5	...	..	..	..	40	...	..	24	....	..	....	....	5 91	.....	Bethlehem, Milwaukie P. O.
Milwaukie	S. Bolks, (S. C.)	98	....	230	18	6	10	..	5	239	18	..	75	100	1	150	130	113 07	.....	Milwaukie, Box 416.
1st Church, Chicago	C. Van der Meulen	24	....	52	1	7	5	1	3	52	4	..	34	....	..	....	....	10 04	.....	Chicago, Illinois.
2d Church, Chicago	J. M. Ferris	20	....	20	3	7	..	..	1	29	...	1	25	30	1	75	50	50	.....	" "
High Prairie	M. A. Ypma	30	....	81	...	...	..	2	4	86	13	..	....	1	..	....	....	.....	.....	Thornton, Cook Co., Illinois.
Low Prairie	M. A. Ypma	62	....	114	24	3	..	1	1	139	19	..	60	....	..	....	....	19 13	.....	" " "
	Total	506	....	861	82	27	18	10	19	1050	105	1	424	180	5	275	180	$272 53	.....	

* Report of A.D., 1857.

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1859.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Students.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregations.	Received. On Confession.	Received. On Certificate.	Total of Communicants.	Baptised. Infants.	Baptised. Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	STATED CLERKS.
New York	22	30	..	..	2231	11210	488	161	4130	246	57	933	883	31	4617	$24,887 30	$21,920 26	Rev. N. J. Marselus, D.D.
South Classis of New York	12	17	..	..	799	3625	236	71	2120	228	46	988	439	12	1957	7,422 66	35,330 32	" S. H. Meeker.
New Brunswick	22	31	2	..	2156	9874	420	184	4118	250	59	904	384	48	2369	5,083 32	5,000 00	" John F. Mesick.
Bergen	24	28	..	..	2397	9820	350	131	3197	647	36	1397	722	29	2951	20,964 00	43,869 00	" Alex. H. Warner.
Paramus	14	14	1	..	1488	6189	190	56	1871	112	18	778	321	16	1397	3,197 74	13,045 25	" Ph. Peltz.
South Long Island	14	20	1	..	1334	7167	229	138	2304	161	37	888	580	20	2897	12,086 16	35,154 72	" D. McL. Quackenbush.
North Long Island	15	17	..	..	1172	5720	145	110	1288	119	36	1118	443	15	3296	4,978 57	22,253 85	" G. Henry Mandeville.
Poughkeepsie	11	12	..	..	1070	3460	221	63	1909	52	96	306	254	21	1182	3,671 21	.....	" C. S. Hageman.
Philadelphia	11	12	1	..	1531	6800	225	60	2393	114	70	848	455	46	2116	8,227 64	18,794 00	" T. B. Romeyn.
Passaic	10	10	..	..	988	4780	115	15	1163	103	18	500	263	22	1106	901 62	1,630 00	" J. A. Staats.
Hudson	8	7	..	..	908	4425	70	13	1234	41	14	150	135	20	930	1,251 25	6,870 33	" D. D. Demarest, D.D.
Westchester	13	13	..	..	706	2390	131	50	1046	100	28	251	429	12	1001	2,580 66	18,467 37	" W. S. Moore.
Monmouth	8	9	1	..	522	2615	84	25	789	46	20	94	157	9	525	1,241 00	4,709 00	" A. C. Millspaugh.
Arcot	5	5	1	..	137	550	20	9	142	40	17	57	494	9	150	413 62	.....	" J. W. Scudder.
Albany	16	14	..	..	1474	7117	183	55	2454	116	46	592	331	25	1661	6,479 79	35,452 88	" I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Ulster	12	12	..	..	1413	5817	157	22	1915	98	14	315	246	21	1006	1,181 08	7,047 23	" N. F. Chapman.
Rensselaer	11	11	..	..	1319	.....	45	41	1517	57	13	230	348	22	845	2,870 57	16,696 05	" K. Nevius.
Montgomery	21	11	..	..	1665	5443	144	28	1644	38	38	120	412	19	920	552 52	4,320 00	" J. Kneiskern.
Schoharie	14	11	..	..	769	3020	86	13	965	28	20	113	150	15	898	510 34	4,626 91	" E. Vedder.
Schenectady	13	14	..	..	1492	6617	216	23	1969	116	46	220	297	32	1537	1,394 72	16,697 73	" A. J. Swits.
Cayuga	12	10	..	..	585	2560	59	9	827	52	20	58	145	14	784	1,186 45	2,800 00	" S. P. M. Hastings.
Orange	24	21	..	..	2124	10416	292	54	2776	296	38	937	886	44	2124	4,444 64	27,941 32	" C. Scott.
Greene	10	7	..	..	920	4248	104	68	740	37	25	90	110	13	333	835 17	3,035 00	" S. T. Searle.
Kingston	12	11	..	.	1234	6466	212	26	1377	131	28	409	356	28	798	2,234 54	11,705 46	" A. Dubois.
Saratoga	16	15	..	..	915	3995	121	37	1611	38	45	215	149	11	900	1,762 57	9,712 33	" C. N. Waldron.
Geneva	17	17	..	..	1081	4560	194	142	1090	114	62	404	455	16	949	2,524 94	8,876 06	" G. J. Van Neste.
Michigan	9	7	..	..	242	.....	39	11	278	11	9	35	65	12	400	124 18	2,342 00	" H. J. Brown, M.D.
Illinois	10	10	..	..	414	.....	64	32	450	67	9	120	335	15	671	536 00	4,952 65	" A. Lloyd.
Holland	12	6	..	..	969	.....	243	70	1937	375	2	935	60	..	290	931 18	5,405 58	" P. J. Oggel.
Wisconsin	12	7	..	..	506	.....	82	27	1050	105	1	424	180	5	275	272 58	.....	" S. Bolks.
Total	410	409	7	51	34561	133394	5165	1744	50304	3844	978	14431	10504	692	40905	$128,268 02	$448646 70	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report:

That the Minutes of the last General Synod, of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and Chicago, have been placed in their hands, and examined with care.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York they find the following references to General Synod:

From the Classis of Westchester we have this resolution:

"*Resolved*, That General Synod be requested to state, for the information of the several Consistories, whether the contributions taken up by particular churches for the assistance or support of their own indigent members in full communion are to be reported to Classis under the head of contributions for *Religious and Benevolent Purposes*, or for *Congregational Purposes;* and further, to define more fully the meaning of the requirement in regard to Consistorial reports of benevolent contributions, with a view to greater uniformity in making up said reports. Also,

"*Resolved*, That Mr. George Strohmenger be recommended to General Synod for a general Dispensation allowing this Classis to examine him; and if his examination be sustained, to license him to preach the Gospel among the Germans."

From the Classis of Poughkeepsie we have the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the attention of General Synod be respectfully directed to the request recently received from the Lodiana Mission, desiring the devotion of a specific time in January next to prayer by the whole Church for the outpouring of the Spirit upon the world."

They find nothing in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany requiring the attention of this General Synod.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago we have several matters brought to the attention of this Synod.

The following was adopted, at the request of the Classis of Michigan:

"That this Classis respectfully asks the Particular Synod of Chicago to request the General Synod to extend to the other Western Classes the privilege that was granted during its session of June last to the Classis of Illinois, viz.: to divide the whole amount appropriated to each Classis, for expenses to General Synod, among their respective delegates, who shall be in actual attendance upon the General Synod, during the continuance of such appropriation; provided that no delegate shall receive more than the actual expenses of travel."

Under the head "Church Government," the following resolution *was adopted:*

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as there is a deficiency of one elder in the ›rmation of a quorum, this Particular Synod requests the General ›ynod to grant the necessary dispensation."

Under the head of "Schools and Education," the following preamle and resolution were adopted:

"*Whereas*, The students at New Brunswick from the West, who are ustained by the Board of Education, receive the same appropriation s the Eastern students for their support, and, on account of their istance from home, have to make at every vacation a very great ›urney, or remain in New Brunswick under expense; and as it is im›ossible for these students to live on what they receive, they generally ›aving no relations or friends who are able to contribute anything owards their living; and as it is of great importance to regard and ake to heart these circumstances, because they are most discouraging ›oth to those who are educated and to those who promote the cause ›f education, and because it is clear that it will be very difficult to ;o farther in preparing our young men for the ministry under the ›resent arrangement: Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the General Synod be, and hereby is, requested to ›uthorize the Board of Education to increase the amount appropri›ted to the students from within the bounds of this Synod, who purue their studies at New Brunswick, so as to place them on an equal ›oting with those students whose homes are in the East."

Under the head "Particularia," the following preamble and resolu›ions were adopted; the third resolution claiming the attention of this ›ynod:

"Inasmuch as it is the will of our Lord that we bear each other's ›urdens; and

"*Whereas*, Our beloved Brother Ferris, with his small church, must ink under crushing calamities, if not aided; and inasmuch as the naintenance of the Church in Chicago is very important to the Re›ormed Dutch Church in the West, it being at a very influential and ›entral point: Therefore,

"*Resolved*, 1. That each church within the bounds of this Synod ›e earnestly requested to take up a collection in behalf of the Second ›hurch of Chicago, on or before the first Sabbath of September ›ext.

"2. That the clergymen of this Synod be requested to preach each ›f them one Sabbath during the collecting journey of Brother Ferris, ›t such time as may be agreed upon between him and them.

"3. That this Second Church of Chicago be recommended strongly o the benevolence of our Eastern Christian friends of the Dutch ›hurch, and that the General Synod be asked to devise liberal means o release these brethren from their embarrassments."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. TEN EYCK, Chairman.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to contributions to benevolent purposes, &c., be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Resolved, That so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the appropriation for the expenses of the delegates from Western Classes be referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the deficiency in the formation of a quorum be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much as relates to students from the West be referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the Second Reformed Dutch Church of Chicago be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

An appeal taken by the Consistory of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of the city of Schenectady, from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, affirming the action of the Classis of Schenectady in relation to a call made by them, was presented, which was referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, contained in the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany of 1858, involving a question of interest to the Reformed Dutch Church of Schodack, and which was not noticed by the Committee on Synodical Minutes of the last General Synod, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business, to whom was referred the appeal of the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church at Schenectady from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, have examined the said appeal, and find it to be in order; and recommend that the trial of the appeal be conducted according to the order prescribed by Synod.

With regard to the order in which the documents shall be read, the committee recommend the following, viz.:

1. The remonstrance presented to the Classis of Schenectady against the approval of the call.

2. The reasons accompanying the remonstrance.

The committee also recommend that the trial of the said appeal be made the order of the day for Monday next, at half past three *o'clock*, P. M.

With regard to the Particular Synod of Chicago, who ask a dis-

pensation from this Synod, in view of the fact that, at their late session, there was a deficiency of one elder in the formation of a quorum, a similar request was made by that Synod at the session of 1857. It is to be regretted they are so soon compelled to ask a like favor.

Your committee are aware of the difficulties which the elders have to encounter in attending the sessions of the Synod of Chicago. Some of them have to travel a long distance, and consequently at a great expense of time and money; and therefore the several Classes, in selecting their delegates to the Synod, should be careful to select such as in all probability will attend to the duty assigned them, and enjoin upon them, severally, the *necessity* of their attendance.

In hope that a similar case will not again occur, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation asked for by the Particular Synod of Chicago be, and hereby is, granted.

In the communication dated Rochester, 1st June, your committee find nothing claiming the action of Synod.

With regard to the joint reference from the Reformed Dutch Church of Schodack and the Classis of Rensselaer, concerning the question as to what are the Consistorial Minutes requisite to be presented to Classis, as found among the actions of the Particular Synod of Albany, at their regular session in May, 1858, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Church of Schodack be referred to Chapter 11, Article 2, Section 8, of the Constitution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER H. WARNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Synod took up the appeal of the Consistory of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady from a decision of the Particular Synod of Albany, affirming the action of Classis in relation to their not approving a call made by said Consistory.

The President announced that the Synod was about to proceed to the consideration of judicial business, and enjoined upon the members to regard their character as judges in the highest court of Jesus Christ known to the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Synod considered the appeal in the following order:

1. The sentence appealed from was read.
2. The appeal and reasons of appeal were read.
3. The documents in the case were read, in the order prescribed by the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

4. The Consistory were heard by their Commissioner, Hon. S. H. Johnson.

5. The Classis were heard by the Rev. Abraham J. Switzer.

6. The Particular Synod were heard, in explanation of the grounds of their decision, by the Rev. J. G. Hall, a member of that body when the decision appealed from was made.

7. The Consistory were heard in reply by their Commissioner.

The parties having withdrawn, the Synod proceeded to deliberate and decide.

The roll was called, for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity to express their opinion, when the following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this motion, it was decided in the *negative*.

Resolved, That General Synod, in their action not to sustain the appeal of the Second Church of Schenectady, had reference only to the appropriate action of Classis in the settlement of ministers, and would not be considered as deciding upon the merits of the case, which, from the nature of the appeal, did not come before them. But, as all controversy in a church must be very displeasing to our Divine and loving Master, and ruinous to themselves, the Synod would affectionately assure the Consistory and Church of Schenectady of their deep sympathy and desire for their peace and welfare, and would therefore earnestly entreat them to exercise towards each other that kind and Christian forbearance which their circumstances demand; each one seeking, according to the Apostle's direction, not his own, but the things of Christ.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk transmit a certified copy of the above resolution to the Consistory of the Second Reformed Dutch Church of Schenectady.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

The following report was received from the Stated Clerk in relation to the reference sent to the several Classes by the last General Synod, proposing an amendment in the Form for the Administration of the Lord's Supper:

The undersigned would report, that he has received returns from eighteen Classes in relation to the reference proposing an alteration in the Form for the Administration of the Lord's Supper, which was sent down to the several Classes by the last General Synod. Of these, the Classis of New York, the South Classis of New York, the Classis of New Brunswick, the North Classis of Long Island, the Classes of Poughkeepsie, Paramus, Westchester, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Greene, Orange, Kingston, Geneva, Cayuga, Saratoga, and Michigan, approve of the proposed amendment, and the Classis of Bergen is opposed to the same. It thus appears that seventeen of the Classes have assented to the emendation. This is a majority of all the Classes, and of course the alteration is constitutionally adopted. The Board of Publication have been officially informed of this result, and the future editions of the Psalm and Hymn Book will contain the Form as now amended, viz.: "That he, although innocent, was condemned."

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. M. STRONG,

June 1, 1859. *Stated Clerk.*

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Education was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

An extract from the Minutes of the Board of Sabbath School Union was received, requesting that a preacher be appointed to deliver a sermon on behalf of Sabbath-school operations of the Church. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Sabbath School Union was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

A sermon was delivered on the seventh day of the session, by the Rev. Professor W. H. Campbell, D.D., on behalf of Education, from Hebrews 5 : 12: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Education, to whom the Annual Reports of the Boards of Education and Sabbath Schools have been submitted, would offer the following as their report:

The Annual Report of the Board of Education, read before Synod by the Rev. Dr. Cornell, presents most gratifying intelligence respecting the educational interests of our Church. Never before, in the history of the denomination, have so many incentives to grateful acknowledgment and increased zeal been presented in the reports of our various Boards; and yet the feeling seems to pervade them all, with singular unanimity, that the blessing which the Lord has vouchsafed is but the earnest of greater mercies still in store. The number of candidates for the work of the ministry is eighty-three. This is a great increase, but the means of education have been supplied in proportion to the enlarged exigencies of the demand. This fact is in pleasing contrast with the experience of former years; and, as evidence of the gracious favor of the Master towards our institutions, calls for devout and humble acknowledgment. For several years past there has been a steady advance in the liberality of our churches, but this readiness to make provision for the training of laborers has been greatly stimulated, and the amount of contributions to the Treasury of the Board of Education during the past year has reached the sum of more than $13,000 for current expenses. The single item in the Treasurer's Report of "Receipts from Churches and Individuals for Educational Purposes" amounts to $13,372.60. We would guard against all vainglorious statements, but we cannot refrain from blessing the Lord, whose good hand has been upon our churches, and whose grace has inclined them to honor him with their substance. With the increasing disposition to send out men and youth to be trained in our schools, a weightier responsibility devolves upon the Church and the Board of Education. We must secure the most efficient workmen in the vineyard. We want not only ministers, but able ministers, of the New Testament We have no right to look for the miraculous endowments of inspiration as the present qualification of the ministry; and, therefore, we may not forget that those who are to labor successfully require gifts as well as grace. The possession and enjoyment of genuine piety is beyond doubt the first and best of all endowments, for it imparts unction, which is power; but it is not the only talent which the minister of Christ requires. Your committee observe, therefore, with hearty concurrence in the prudence of the measure, that increased attention is suggested by the action of the Board to

this point. No new legislation or deliverance of opinion is required from this body on the subject, inasmuch as the matter has already been passed upon in former years; and we merely call attention to the fact, that stated reports from the professors and teachers in the College, and Seminary also, respecting the proficiency of the students under the care of the Board, would greatly facilitate the formation of sound and discriminating judgment upon their progress, and the prospect of permanent usefulness in the ministry. Probably, also, no loss would accrue to the best interests of the Church, if a rule were adopted requiring those who come under the care of the Board of Education to be prepared to enter the College at New Brunswick, before special appropriations from its funds are made for their support. It is believed that such provision would obviate the mortifying necessity of the dismissal of candidates for the ministry, after years of patient probation and expenditure.

Your committee are gratified with the evidences of affectionate interest exhibited by the action of the Board in the comfort of the students under its care, and trust that the beneficiaries of the Church may ever regard her as a kind and judicious parent, solicitous for their welfare, whilst enforcing proper subordination and discipline.

Six of the students have recently received professoral certificates for licensure, but these vacancies are already prospectively more than filled by applicants who are waiting to be received in the coming autumn.

THE HOLLAND ACADEMY.

The statements respecting this institution, embodied in the report of the Board of Education, are highly encouraging. Thirty-nine pupils have been in attendance during the past year. The Rev. John Van Vleck, who has been identified with this institution from its foundation, has felt constrained to resign his professorship. This step is deeply regretted, as he is endeared to his colleagues by his faithfulness in the discharge of his official duties; but your committee observe, with pleasure, that an efficient successor has been appointed, and that the Rev. Philip Phelps, Jr., is prepared to enter at once the station vacated by Mr. Van Vleck. The Holland Academy is now legally in possession of Synod, as much so as the Theological Seminary; and it would therefore seem to be just that hereafter the teachers and professors should hold their appointment from the General Synod, and derive their support from its treasury.

PROPOSED CLASSICAL ACADEMY AT FAIRVIEW, IN ILLINOIS.

The Classis of Illinois, in compliance with the request of the Particular Synod of Chicago, is desirous of establishing a Classical Academy for the purpose of preparing young men for the ministry, and for the office of teachers. They desire that it may be thoroughly identified with the Reformed Dutch Church, and be religious in its character. The want of such an institution is represented as urgent. Several young men of promising ability and talent are already prepared

to enter it. A building at Fairview, suitable for the purposes of such an Academy, is offered gratuitously to the Synod, and the proposition is made that the Boards of Education and Domestic Missions should appropriate, for a term of years, a sum, not to exceed $500, for the maintenance of a competent teacher. Your committee would commend the subject to the attention of the Synod.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

Increasing interest is felt in the development of these institutions. Twenty schools derive aid from the Fund, and the blessing of God has most manifestly attended the course of instruction maintained in them. Several of them have become self-sustaining. It is to be regretted, however, that not more than one-half of them have forwarded the statistical statements, which they are under obligation to furnish.

Your committee believe that the system of instruction in Parochial Schools is worthy of far more attention than it has hitherto received, and the suggestions offered in the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education commend themselves as eminently judicious and truthful; but it may be that the attention of the churches will not be sufficiently directed to the importance and value of Parochial Schools until further painful experience shall attest their worth, and prove them to be essential to the maintenance of the Church's influence over the youth committed to her care.

In concluding that portion of their report which relates to the Board of Education, your committee would express their gratification at the continuance of the Rev. Dr. Cornell, the efficient Secretary of the Board, in the relation, the duties of which he has fulfilled with so much zeal and self-denial.

SYNOD'S BOARD OF S. S. UNION.

From the very elaborate report submitted by the Secretary of this Board, your committee gather the general fact that the Divine blessing has been signally bestowed upon the Sabbath-schools in connection with the Board. On the value of this institution, which has now become identified with the Church, your committee feel that they need not enlarge. Our ministers and churches all love the Sabbath-school; and, regarding it as the nursery of the Church, are thankful for the facilities which it affords for training the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That many precious seals to the faithful ministry of Sabbath-school teachers have been gathered during the past years of our history, is a truth for which we would devoutly bless God. Your committee feel that it is specially incumbent upon all who are engaged in the legitimate work of the Sabbath-school to endeavor to awaken a love for the truths of the sacred Scriptures in the minds of the youths; and whilst throwing around the course of instruction all the attractions which will interest the mind and engage the affections, to guard against those measures which are more stimulating than nourishing, lest its exercises should by any means degenerate into a species of religious dissipation or amusement, and so the *great object* be frustrated.

The claim of the Sabbath School Board upon the liberality of the churches cannot be contested. In order to enable it to establish Sabbath-schools in destitute regions of our country, it should share the benevolent sympathies of the Church. Your committee would therefore present the suggestion of the Board for consideration, that a sermon be preached, at each annual meeting of the Synod, in behalf of the Sabbath-school operations of the Church, and that the Synod appoint a preacher for this purpose.

In conclusion, your committee offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Synod:

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of Illinois, respecting the establishment of a Classical Academy at Fairview, and the overture of property for that purpose, be referred to the consideration of the Boards of Education and Domestic Missions.

Whereas, The students at New Brunswick from the West, who are sustained by the Board of Education, receive the same appropriation as the Eastern students for their support, and, on account of their distance from home, have to make at every vacation a very great journey, or remain in New Brunswick under expense; and as it is impossible for these students to live on what they receive, they generally having no relations or friends who are able to contribute anything towards their living; and as it is of great importance to regard and take to heart these circumstances, because they are most discouraging both to those who are educated and to those who promote the cause of education, and because it is clear that it will be very difficult to go farther in preparing our young men for the ministry under the present arrangement: Therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod be, and hereby is, requested to authorize the Board of Education to increase the amount appropriated to the students from within the bounds of this Synod, who pursue their studies at New Brunswick, so as to place them on an equal footing with those students whose homes are in the East.

Resolved, That the matter respecting the Holland Academy be referred to the Synod of Chicago, for their consideration.

THE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATION FUNDS.

The committee have examined these documents, and report them as entirely satisfactory. The large amount invested is not, however, to be relied on by the Church as a substitute for its continued liberality, especially when Providence indicates the increasing responsibility of the churches to provide means for the education of a well-furnished ministry.

It appears, from the account of the Treasurer, that the balance in his hand is ..... $ 230 79
Receipts from the Sunday School Board 5,032 71
Payments 2,379 60

Balance on hand $2,653 11

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH F. BERG, Chairman.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Managers of the General Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., John C. Guldin, Polhemus Van Wyck, and Messrs. Thomas Jeremiah, John S. Bussing, John M. Keese, Jacob Brower, Charles S. Little, Abraham I. Beekman, Abraham Van Nest, and John Delamater.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. Thomas E. Vermilye, D.D., John Proudfit, D.D., Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., Joseph F. Berg, D.D., William H. Ten Eyck, and Messrs. Peter R. Warner, F. J. Hosford, and Hugh Allen.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the sermon on Education, Synod proceeded to the election, when it appeared that the Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D., was chosen *Primarius*, and Rev. John Macauley, D.D., *Secundus*.

Resolved, That a sermon be preached on the evening of the fifth day of the session, at each annual meeting of General Synod, in behalf of General Synod's Board of Sabbath School Union; and that the Rev. Dr. M. S. Hutton be appointed preacher as *Primarius*, and the Rev. G. H. Mandeville as *Secundus* for the next meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

Certain bills for repairs to the College edifice were presented, which were referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Rutgers College be directed to report at the next meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

The following report was received from the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall beg leave to make their annual report.

In accordance with the resolution of Synod, passed June, 1857, the committee have been engaged in procuring funds to "finish the building and the grounds, and whatever else may be necessary to complete its appropriate arrangements." The task has not been easy, but, by the blessing of God, it has been nearly completed. The following details will show what has been done:

1. The whole exterior brick-work of the Hall has been painted with three coats of paint, and carefully sanded.

2. A substantial and well-painted fence of nearly fifteen hundred feet now incloses the grounds of the Hall.

3. The grounds have been graded; the carriage-ways laid out and graveled; the soil thoroughly prepared for the planting of trees and the growth of grass; a flagged walk of a thousand feet, extending from gate to gate, has been laid down; and a large number of trees has been planted.

4. An avenue in front of the Hall, nine hundred feet long and eighty feet wide, has been opened and graded, the curb-stones laid, and the gutters paved.

This was a work of great labor and expense; the excavation, in some places, exceeded eight feet in depth.

5. Trees have been set out along the three streets to which the Hall is adjacent, and surrounded by suitable boxes for their protection.

6. A drain, six hundred feet long, and reaching down below the foundation of the Hall, has been dug and properly secured, to lead off from the building the water which was settling under it, and rendering it damp and unhealthy.

7. Land was bought of Dr. F. A. Van Dyke and C. P. Dayton, Esq., to carry Neilson Avenue through from George Street to College Avenue. The sum paid for the same was $966.84.

These details show how extensive a work has been done; and if it has been well and cheaply done, as the committee believe it has, the Synod are very much indebted for it to the counsel and assistance of Abraham Schuyler Neilson and Isaac Voorhees, Esq's, and the superintendence of Mr. Van Cleef Voorhees. Messrs. Neilson and I. Voorhees aided the committee in forming their plans and executing them most economically. Mr. V. C. Voorhees was the superintendent of the whole work, at a compensation but little above that of an ordinary day-laborer; but had his compensation been five times greater than it was, it would not have been an unreasonable reward for his services. In view, therefore, of the kind assistance of these friends, the committee are glad to be able to say, that the general opinion in New Brunswick is, that there never was so extensive a work so well and so cheaply done in this city. The aim was to have the work done in a thorough manner, such as became the Seminary and the Church; and the general judgment is, that the purpose has been accomplished.

This extensive work has required a heavy outlay of money, and hearty thanks are due to the friends of the Church for the prompt response to the application for pecuniary assistance. The Consistory of the Collegiate Church of New York gave $2,000, with a cheerfulness which indicated the interest they took in the work. James Neilson, Esq., to his large gift of land, detailed in the last report, has given, in addition, the sum of $1,016 08 to aid in completing Neilson Avenue. Several members of the First and North Churches of Newark deserve, also, special thanks for prompt and liberal pecuniary aid, rendered at a time when the committee were peculiarly pressed for money.

The deeds for the land, purchased of Messrs. Van Dyke and Dayton, accompany this report. These deeds were made out in the name of the General Synod, in order to secure the possession of a gore of land on the southwestern corner of Neilson Avenue, and to prevent its becoming a nuisance to the Seminary.

The Treasurer's account, together with the vouchers for all expenditures, accompanies this report. From this it will be seen that the sum of $12,712.17 has been expended, and that the committee are indebted to their Treasurer in the sum of $504.05.* The committee beg leave to inform the Synod that they have paid on the insurance of the Hall $330 of the money contributed by the churches for the arranging of the grounds. They therefore ask that this money may be refunded to them by the Synod, that they may pay their indebtedness to their Treasurer. The remaining sum of debt, $174.05, over and above the aforesaid $330, the committee would be glad if the Synod would assume. The committee, composed entirely of clergymen, feel that they have been quite secularized in their labors for the erection, &c., of the Theological Hall. They have collected the money, made the contracts, supervised the work, and kept the accounts. This is not the work of pastors and professors. The time given to these secular pursuits was withdrawn from the appropriate work assigned to the ministry. This is not said complainingly, but to give point to the remark, with which the committee beg leave to close their report, asking the Elders on the floor of Synod to assume this debt, and see it paid.†

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN,
WM. H. CAMPBELL,
S M. WOODBRIDGE,
T. W. CHAMBERS,
THOS. C. STRONG.

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May* 28, 1859.

* It is proper to remark, that this excess of debt, above the amount of money collected, arises from the expense incurred in digging the drain. This work was not contemplated when collections of money were being made. Indeed, the whole of the proposed work at the Hall was completed before the imperative necessity of digging this drain was felt by the committee.

† Subscriptions sufficient to liquidate the above indebtedness were obtained *during* the present meeting of the General Synod.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, in account with the Standing Committee on the PETER HERTZOG THEOLOGICAL HALL.

1857.		Dr.	$	cts.
June	6	Cash paid Lewis Applegate. insurance, (voucher 1,).	150	00
August	14	" " Jas. C. Bergen, (4, 10, 19, 70, 97, 99,)....	334	12
	21	" " Rand & Ayers, (5, 16,).....	102	00
	27	" " Hanibal Simpson, (6,)	8	13
Sept'r	3	" " Robert H. Wilson, (8, 20, 84,).....	23	89
	4	" " J. M. Nevins, (9, 79,).....	81	16
	23	" " J. V. H. Lott, (12, 15, 17,).....	655	75
	25	" " James Gair, (13,)	2	75
	26	" " William Gibson, (14, 22,).....	76	44
Oct.	10	" " E. H. Felton, (18,).....	2	64
1858.				
April	27	" " Dr. F. A. Van Dyke, land bought for street,	500	00
May	7	" " Van Cleef Voorhees, General Superintendent, (34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 45, 48, 50, 53, 55, 58. 61, 66, 80, 95,).....	4,730	00
June	18	" " Thomas Reed, (41,)	244	44
		" " Ab'm Suydam, (42, 46, 47, 54, 56. 59, 60, 85,)	1,061	22
July	13	" " Rusling & Van Arsdale. (49,).....	16	45
August	20	" " J. S. C. Homans, (57, 62, 64.).....	74	55
July	24	" " Recording deeds, (52,)	1	50
Sept'r	10	Counterfeit Note	2	00
October	4	Cash paid Note at State Bank, (63,).....	1,000	00
	15	" " Charles P. Dayton, (65,)	466	84
	23	" " William H. Armstrong. (68.)	102	38
		" " George D. Shipway, (69,).....	2	18
	29	" " Isaac Voorhees, (71,)	71	75
	30	" " Theodore C. Davis, (72,)	4	12
Novem.	9	" " Charles P. Strong, (73, 93,).....	18	50
		" " J. D. & D. W. Voorhees, (74,).....	96	38
		" " John Terhune, (75,)	3	65
	10	" " Hagaman & Dunham, (76,)	26	00
	24	" " Note State Bank, (77,).....	1,000	00
1859.				
January	15	" " William M. Van Sickell, (83,).....	5	80
Feb'ry	7	" " Note at State Bank, (86,).....	500	00
	17	" " Grant & De Mott, (87,).....	18	85
		" " Robbins & Co., (88,)	26	11
		" " A. S. Neilson, (89,)	1	13
		Carried forward.....	11,410	73

1859.		Dr.	$	¢
		Brought forward	11,410	73
Feb'ry	17	Cash paid Isaac Bartle, (90,)	68	67
		" " Daniel McCrelis, (91,)	8	69
		" " Runyon & Wright. (92,)	7	92
		" " Henry Richmond, (94,)	76	88
		" " Note at State Bank, (96,)	1,000	00
May	26	" " Edwin Allen, (102,)	67	70
		" " Bergen & Van Sickel, (103.)	5	70
		" " Van Cleef Voorhees, (104,)	65	88
			12,712	17

1857.		Cr.	$	cts.
June	6	Cash in Bank at date of last Report.....	1,308	91
August	20	Cash received from John Denise, Monmouth	100	00
		" " " H. Dubois & Brothers, Monmouth,	100	00
		" " " John Buck, "	50	00
		" " " David Buck, "	50	00
		" " " Daniel Denice, "	50	00
Oct.	19	" " " Dr. R. W. Cooke, "	50	00
1858.				
April	15	" " " Estate of Garret Van Doren, "	500	00
May	3	" " " James Neilson, New Brunswick ..	250	00
	7	" " " J. L. & S. B. Schieffelin, New York,	100	00
	11	" " " Charles P. Strong, N. Brunswick,	25	00
		" " " William Rust, "	10	00
	14	" " " John De Mott, "	25	00
	24	" " " G. G. Voorhees & Son, "	10	00
	28	" " " Christopher Meyer, "	75	00
	24	" " " Robert Minturn, "	10	00
June	7	" " " Isaac Voorhees, "	50	00
		" " " Dayton & Company, "	50	00
	8	" " " Miss Elizabeth Bennet, "	100	00
	9	" " " John R. Ford, "	100	00
		" " " Elias Baker, "	5	00
	15	" " " Peter S. Duryee, Newark.....	100	00
		" " " Wm. R. Duryee, "	100	00
	17	" " " James Neilson, New Brunswick..	650	00
	24	" " " John Acken, " ..	25	00
		" " " Wm. H. Armstrong, " ..	20	00
		" " " Peter Van Deventer, " ..	5	00
		" " " Johnson Letson, " ..	50	00
	28	" " " William B. Taylor, New York...	50	00
	30	" " " John B. Thompson, a licentiate of 1858	10	00
		" " " James Bishop, New Brunswick..	50	00
July	1	" " " Note discounted, State Bank, New Brunswick.....	984	38
	5	" " " A. O. Zabriskie, Jersey City....	5	00
		" " " Mary Zabriskie, "	10	00
	6	" " " Geo. J. N. Zabriskie, " ...	25	00
	7	" " " 1st R. D. Church, Paterson, N. J..	57	50
		" " " Rev. John H. Duryea, " .	3	00
	8	" " " Lewis Applegate, New Brunswick.	10	00
	12	" " " R. D. Church, Bergen, N. J.....	55	09
	21	" " " North Church, Albany, N. Y...	80	00
		" " " H. H. Hickox, "	1	00
		" " " R. D. Church, Aquackononck, N. J.	30	84
	24	" " " Note discounted, State Bank, New Brunswick.....	979	29
	25	" " " John Williams, New Brunswick..	10	00
	29	" " " Middle Dutch Ch'h, Albany, N. Y.	60	00
		" " " Volkert P. Douw, "	5	00
		" " " Mrs. William C. Miller, "	5	00
August	5	" " " 1st Dutch Church, Paterson, N. J.	9	00
	7	" " " Prof. Geo. H. Cook, New Brunsw'k	20	00
	10	" " " R. D. Church, Flatbush, L. I....	92	00
		" " " Elias Hubbard, Flatlands, L. I..	20	00
		" " " John G. Bergen, Brooklyn, L. I..	20	00
		Carried forward.....	6,561	91

1858.		Cr.	$	cts.
		Brought forward	6,561	01
August	10	Cash received from Garret G. Bergen, Brooklyn, L. I.	20	00
	16	" " " R. D. Church, Lebanon, N. J.	23	62
	23	" " " Michael Bergen, Brooklyn	5	00
		" " " Mary Bergen ..... $ 5 00		
		" " " Catharine M. Bergen 10 00	15	00
		" " " S. Tunis Bergen	10	00
		" " " Church of New Utrecht, L. I.	23	30
		" " " " of Peapack, N. J.	22	50
	29	" " " " of E. Williamsburg, L. I.	45	00
Sept'r	1	" " " Elias Runyon, New Brunswick	10	00
		" " " Isaac Bergen, Brooklyn	2	50
	3	" " " Theodore Frelinghuysen, N. Brunswick	50	00
	7	" " " S. R. W. Heath, Newark, N. J.	50	00
		" " " Peter Ballantine, "	50	00
		" " " John Terhune, New Brunswick	20	00
		" " " James Neilson, "	116	08
	9	" " " Reformed Dutch Church, Broome Street, New York	100	00
	15	" " " Second Church, Hackensack, N. J.	100	00
		" " " Jeromus J. Johnson, Flatbush, L. I.	100	00
	17	" " " Dr. Williams, Gowanus, L. I.	5	00
	18	" " " John S. Lott, a licentiate of 1858,	5	00
		" " " Reformed Dutch Church, 21st Street, New York	54	71
	20	" " " Reformed Dutch Church, Newtown, L. I.	75	00
		" " " Joseph P. Bradley, Newark	100	00
		" " " Samuel O. Crane, Newark, N. J.	50	00
October	4	" " " Note discounted at State Bank	489	64
		" " " Benjamin C. Miller, Newark	50	00
		" " " Dr. John F. Ward, "	50	00
		" " " F. T. Frelinghuysen, "	50	00
		" " " Edgar Farmer, "	50	00
		" " " Livingston K. Miller and others, Brooklyn	108	00
	14	" " " Reformed Dutch Church, Williamsburg, L. I.	85	00
		" " " First Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	74	00
		" " " Mr. Duboise, Fishkill Landing	10	00
		" " " Jaques Cortelyou, Six Mile Run, N. J.	10	00
		" " " Benj'n Baird, Six Mile Run, N. J.	5	00
		" " " Peter Quick, "	5	00
		" " " Martin Garretson, "	10	00
		" " " Peter A. Voorhees, "	10	00
	18	" " " Reformed Dutch Church, Belleville, N. J.	93	00
		" " " Neshannock, N. J.	84	00
		" " " First Church of Van Vorst, Jersey City	75	00
		" " " Charles P. Dayton, New Brunswick	80	00
		" " " A. Schuyler Neilson, "	40	00
		" " " Isaac Voorhees, for curb-stones	104	76
		Carried forward	9,997	02

1858.		Cr.		$	cts.
		Brought forward		9,097	02
October	29	Cash received from Mr. Chandler, Fishkill Landing		5	00
Novem'r	9	" " " Church of Middlebush, N. J.		22	56
	16	" " " " of Flatlands, L. I.		35	00
	24	" " " Note discounted		984	38
		" " " Rev. Dr. Riddle, Jersey City		5	00
	26	" " " J. M. Nevins	$3 16		
		" " " Cash	1 00		
		" " " Cash	4 00		
		" " " H. Vroom	5 00		
		" " " W. Hagaman	5 00		
		" " " Mr. McDonald	5 00		
		" " " A Voris	5 00		
				28	16
1859.					
January	10	" " " A Widow's Mite, Belleville, N. J.		1	00
Feb'ry	7	" " " Consistory of Collegiate Church, New York		2,000	00
		" " " Staats Nevius		20	00
March	3	" " " Stephen Garretson		10	00
				12,208	12
May	28	Balance due Treasurer		504	05
				12,712	17

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WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

The following communication was received from the Theological Faculty, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate:

The Theological Faculty would bring to the mind of the Synod that, at the meeting held June, 1857, at Ithaca, a set of rules for the regulation of the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall was adopted, on the recommendation of the Faculty. These rules have not been found as wise, in their practical working, as had been hoped. And, indeed, an institution like the Hall cannot be governed by laws of Synod, which must be inflexible. The present rules, since they are laws of Synod, admit of no questions of modification. They must be enforced at all times, and on all, and even when the Faculty may have become convinced that the rules are not the best possible.

The Faculty think that great good would accrue to the Hall, if the power of making the laws for its government were intrusted to a few, who could be convened at any time they were needed. The suggestion is therefore made, that the power of making laws for the regulation of the Hall be given to the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall; and that, in cases of difficulty, reference be had to the Board of Superintendents.

S. A. VAN VRANKEN,
WM. H. CAMPBELL,
S. M. WOODBRIDGE.

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May* 28, 1859.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose terms of service had expired. Nominations were received from the Classes of Paramus, Greene, Ulster, Kingston, Holland, and Rensselaer, which were confirmed.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations, to report double the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated.

The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. William Demarest, from the Classis of Paramus; Rev. William E. Turner, from the Classis of Greene; Rev. John Gosman, D D., from the Classis of Ulster; Rev. Benjamin C. Lippincott, from the Classis of Kingston; Rev. Peter J. Oggel, from the Classis of Holland; Rev. Laurence H. Van Dyke, from the Classis of Rensselaer; Rev. Harvey D. Ganse, from the Classis of New York; Rev. G. H. Mandeville, from the North Classis of Long Island; and Rev. John Garretson, D.D., from the Classis of Cayuga.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was *accepted*, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate report as follows:

I. *Board of Direction.*

The report of this Board shows that its members are laboring with great judgment and fidelity in the trust committed to them.

The most important subject for the Synod to take action upon in regard to their report is the deficiency of funds to meet the expenses of the General Synod. The contingent expenses of Synod last year were about $2,000, and the amount received from the Classes to meet this expenditure has been $988.90—just one-half. The Board say, "that they would beg leave to remind General Synod that, with the increase of real estate and unproductive property placed under their care, there will necessarily arise an increased expense, to meet which a more adequate provision ought to be made; and they would therefore recommend that the churches be urged to pay greater attention to the fund required to meet the contingent expenses of Synod."

The Church ought to understand that the funds of the Synod are nothing more nor less than the funds which the Church depends upon to pay the debts of its own contracting. It ought, in all honesty, either to stop running into debt, or provide the means necessary to meet their engagements.

One great cause of the deficiency is the neglect of some of the Classes to pay their proportion of assessment to the General Synod; and yet these Classes vote on the expenditures which are drawn from the same.

For several years plans have been suggested and committees appointed to meet the difficulties, and yet little has been done. The committee appointed last year have made no report, and here we are still, presenting the pitiable spectacle of helpless poverty, petty indebtedness, and temporary expedients. What shall we do? Reiterate the resolutions of last year and the years previous; or shall we determine to take hold of the matter with one will, and put a stop to these unseemly complainings and positions of the Church?

In this hope, and with this view, we recommend the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That every Consistory be advised, at the meeting held for the appointment of a delegate to Classis, to furnish to the minister or elder delegated, the sum assessed to pay the Contingent Fund of General Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That the Classes be requested to impress upon their Questors the duty of reporting to them such churches as fail to meet their obligations to the Contingent Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That the attention of each Classis be specially directed to the delinquencies in the contributions to the Contingent Fund; and that Synod recommend that they introduce a standing rule, that each pastor be required, at the annual spring session of Classis, to state the reasons for any deficiency in that department, in case such dereliction should exist.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be authorized to ap-

point one or more agents for the purpose of raising a permanent fund to meet the annual deficiency in the expenses of the General Synod, to the amount of $30,000.

II. *Board of Superintendents.*

Fifty-one students have been in attendance upon the exercises of the institution during the past year. Fourteen have received professoral certificates. The Board congratulate the Synod on the general prosperity of the institution, and on the fact that the number of students is greater, and the promise more encouraging than ever before. The missionary spirit has been awakened among the students. Three have just sailed for India and China, and there are indications that the two lower classes will send out a fair proportion to the heathen world.

The additions to the library have not been commensurate with the wants of the institution, nor the means of the Church.

Your committee call the grateful notice of the Synod to two donations: one from the Collegiate Church of New York, of sixty (60) volumes; and the other from the family of the late Dr. Knox, of one hundred volumes.

Your committee approve the course of the Board in not permitting a student who has omitted the studies of nearly half a year, to enter upon the next year of study without a dispensation from General Synod.

III. *Hertzog Hall.*

The Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall have called the attention of Synod to the increased liberality of James Neilson, Esq., and to the efficient aid afforded to them in the counsel and assistance of Abraham Schuyler Neilson and Ira C. Voorhees, Esq's. We therefore return them, in behalf of the General Synod, our heartfelt thanks.

This committee have labored assiduously and cheerfully in their task of arranging and completing the Hall. They have been obliged to violate the rule of General Synod, limiting their expenditures to the sums collected for that object; and they now ask that $330, paid by them for insurance out of such sums, be refunded to them by the Synod, and a remaining debt of $174.05 be also assumed by your body.

This committee, composed of professors and pastors, have been required to engage in an amount of *labor* not congenial to their tastes or habits, and they suggest a hope that the liberality of the elders will come to their aid. While we would reiterate this expression, we propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay to the Standing Committee of Hertzog Hall the sum of $330, and also to assume the remaining debt of $174.05.

The Theological Faculty send up a communication to General Synod, asking such a modification of the rules for the regulation of the Hall as shall allow the Standing Committee to frame their own rules;

and that, in cases of difficulty, reference be had to the Board of Superintendents.

Your committee recommend that the request be granted.

The deeds of the property purchased for the benefit of the Hall from Charles P. Dayton and Frederick A. Van Dyke, Synod are recommended to deposit with the Treasurer of General Synod, and offer for their adoption the following:

Resolved, That the above-mentioned deeds be transmitted to the Treasurer of General Synod, to be deposited by him among the other titles of property belonging to them.

IV. "*Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.*"

Twenty-two young men have received aid from these funds. In the account of the Van Benschoten Fund, an unappropriated balance of $349.49 is reported, which the Treasurer states should be $349.99; the error having occurred by bringing forward the amount from the preceding page of his statement.

There is also in the Knox Fund an unappropriated balance of $333.11.

Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to nominate to the Trustees of Rutgers College two of the students under their care in the Theological Seminary, to be placed on the Knox Fund.

V. *Rutgers College.*

The Board of Trustees of Rutgers College have sent up to the Synod two bills for repairs to the building: one of $11.09, from Peter Wyckoff; and another of $109.77, from J. C. Bergen.

Your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of General Synod be directed to pay the above bills.

VI. *Dispensations.*

An unusually large number of applications for dispensations have been referred to your committee, upon some of which they have concluded to report favorably; and they therefore recommend to Synod that the following requests be granted:

1. That of the Classis of New York, in behalf of the Rev. Peter Buri, a minister from the Reformed Church of Berne, in Switzerland, that he be admitted to ordination when the Classis see proper.

2. A request from the Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., on behalf of his son, Mancius H. Hutton, that he be permitted to enter the Senior Class in the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick.

3. A request from the Classis of Holland, for a dispensation for Mr. Houbolt, that they may proceed to his licensure.

4. From Mr. John Scudder, a student in the Senior Class of our Theological Seminary, that the Synod would grant him a dispensation for *five or six months* from the duties of the Seminary, in order that

he may attend a course of medical lectures the coming winter, to better fit him as a laborer in the missionary work.

In regard to the applications for dispensations for Mr. Charles Strohmenger, Mr. John Wenish, and Mr. Isaac W. Warner, your committee feel that they cannot recommend to Synod to grant their request, and advise that they pursue in our Theological Seminary such a course of studies as the professors may deem necessary to fit them for usefulness as pastors and teachers.

GUSTAVUS ABEEL, *Chairman.*

The following report was received, accepted, and adopted:

The committee, continued by the General Synod of 1858, "to raise the deficiency in the funds needed to compensate Rev. Dr. Bethune, and to consider further the expediency and practicability of establishing a Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric in the Theological Seminary," beg leave respectfully to report:

That, after many applications to the delinquent members of the committee, only about $60 was reported by Dr. B. as received from the Church of Philadelphia, leaving still due to Dr. B. some $130.10. The committee beg to be discharged from the commission, and recommend the resolution:

That the Treasurer of the Board of Corporation be directed to pay the balance to Dr. Bethune.

In regard to the expediency and practicability of establishing a Professorship of Sacred Rhetoric, the committee have no confidence that it can be done by a detailed solicitation addressed to the churches; and therefore they recommend the following resolution, viz.:

That this Synod hope and pray that God will put it into the heart of some opulent member of our Church to endow such a professorship.

I. N. WYCKOFF,
Chairman Committee.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions having tendered the resignation of his office, it was

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of the Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, this Synod gratefully acknowledge his past service, and express their desire for his future health and usefulness in the Gospel ministry.

A sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions was preached on the evening of the second day of the session, by the Rev. A. B. Van Zandt, D.D., from 2 Kings, 7 : 9: "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till the morning-light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household."

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report:

That the Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions presents in concise form a clear and happy exhibition of the action of the Board, and of the results of the Mission work performed during the past ecclesiastical year. The well-arranged statistical tables embraced in this document give great value to it, as at a glance it shows just what the Church desires to know respecting the operations of this department.

The appropriations of the Board have been fairly distributed throughout the Church; eighty churches having been aided in twenty-four of the twenty-nine Classes in this country, and have had the labors of sixty-seven pastors and missionaries. In these churches, two thousand, nine hundred and thirty-six families have had the Gospel of the blessed God preached unto them. In them have been gathered to the sacramental host of God our Saviour three thousand, seven hundred and fifty-eight communicants; of whom five hundred and eighty-four professed their faith in Jesus during the past year, and one hundred and forty-four were received on certificate from other churches.

In these churches, seventy-five Sabbath-schools number four thousand, six hundred and eighty-one children; and one hundred and *seventy-five Bible-classes* contain eighteen hundred and eighteen chil-

dren and youth, who have received instruction mainly from pastors and missionaries.

God has shown that he approves our work, and will bless the efforts of the sons and daughters of Zion in building up his kingdom in the world.

Four churches have become self-sustaining during the year.

The Board have aimed at an enlargement of their operations, for which there is no want of opportunity, on the right hand and on the left. There is every encouragement to do so, did the churches supply the needed contributions to the treasury, and the ministry go forth to labor where pressing wants are making constant appeals for that preached Word which is the power of God and the wisdom of God unto salvation. Surely, if the whole work of the Church be considered, there can be no reason why every department of it should not be equally well manned and supplied with means to urge it forward. Why there should be any lack in the Domestic Mission field, while every other field is rising in importance, gaining the ear and the heart of the Church, it is not easy to conceive. Possibly some local interests may have been presented in colors too glowing, thus encouraging prospects and hopes never to be realized; then disappointment follows, and future efforts are retarded by the early failure, whereby confidence is shaken, prejudice awakened, and difficulties are augmented. May it not be that each one, magnifying the importance of his own case, looks on the cases of others with diminished favor, or wonders why one should be more liberally provided for than another, and thus becomes dissatisfied, and hence withholds more than is meet? In cases of churches of long standing, yet comparatively feeble, and often aided, when assured that our principles of action require them to put forth still more energy at home, and so relieve the Board, possibly they may feel aggrieved and complain, and then withhold, if not from the Board, yet from their own pastors, and leave them to struggle single-handed, when a trifling increase of effort on their part would result in comfort to the man of God who ministers unto them in holy things, and in adding somewhat to the treasury of the Lord for this holy purpose. While, however, these and similar causes may have measurably reduced the contributions to the Board, we may well inquire whether our deficiency is not owing to a lack of appreciation of the magnitude and importance of our Domestic Missions This cause is Christ's. By these operations we give the preached Word to many immortal souls, and prepare the way for the wider diffusion of the Gospel of the blessed God in future years, and at the same time attest our love to the Saviour. Only let the heart of the Church be awake to the grand results of this labor of love, and it will beat responsive to the pressing calls of many, who have gone out from the families and church homes where, in years gone by, they have learned the Saviour's name, and the truth as it is in him; while others will be drawn around them from similar associations, and together prosecute *vigorously* the work given the Church to do.

We have cause of thanksgiving to God for his smiles and blessing upon the labors of the year just closed. The souls converted to God

under the ministrations of the pastors and missionaries in the service of the Board; the ingathering of so goodly a number of children and youth into Sabbath-schools and Bible-classes; the greatly increased attention of the laborers employed, to the visitation of families, preaching Christ from house to house, resulting, as it has done, in bringing many families into their churches who would otherwise never have come under the influence of the preached Word, and, in many places, bringing about an increased observance of the Sabbath;—bid us thank God and take courage. Where these results are seen and felt, we have a sure token of the churches soon becoming self-supporting.

The Treasurer's Annual Report shows contributions to this Board during the year amounting to sixteen thousand, eight hundred and three dollars and eighty-five cents; a small increase on the amount contributed during the previous year. And the Board, by prudent management, have reduced the former heavy indebtedness to a small sum. The Auditing Committee have carefully examined this account, and find it correct, and a balance on the 1st instant in the treasury of two hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-nine cents; and that the present indebtedness of the Board is five hundred dollars.

From this statement, it is evident the Board could not have prudently enlarged their operations, and it is earnestly to be desired that hereafter this holy work of Domestic Missions may be more energetically sustained and vigorously prosecuted.

The Board, in view of the resignation of their Corresponding Secretary, Rev. John Garretson, D.D., have nominated as his successor the Rev. Anson Dubois.

Your committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be, and hereby are, authorized to appoint a Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approve of the nomination of Rev Anson Dubois for that office.

The importance of a Committee on Domestic Missions at the West has been by the Synod referred to this committee The reasons assigned in the paper under consideration are forceful. It is often difficult, and sometimes impracticable, for the Board of Domestic Missions to make a satisfactory examination of the localities, or to ascertain the precise character of new openings. But a committee on the ground, composed of prudent men, who are not personally interested in the locality, would go very far to aid in judicious selections, and to judge of the means and appliances necessary effectually to put in motion and to sustain the enterprise

Such an arrangement would no doubt in a little while call more thoroughly and efficiently into action the men of the West, so that they should more certainly and early rely upon themselves. This self-reliance ought to be developed in the Western churches.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Board of Domestic Missions, with discretionary power.

In the matter of the Second Church of Chicago, referred by the Particular Synod of Chicago to this General Synod, your committee deem the case of that church to demand the careful and kind care of the Synod. The importance of the position, the necessity of a church of our denomination at that great centre of influence, cannot be questioned. This church, in its infancy, has encountered great difficulties, which have threatened its extinction. But it is believed it may, with co-operation with a few friends who are inclined to foster and sustain it, on the part of the churches at the East, become well established, and prove a blessing to many.

Your committee, therefore, recommend for adoption by the General Synod the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Chicago be, and hereby is, recommended to the benevolence of our churches, and of Christian friends of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The communication of the missionary to the Thousand Isles at Alexandria Bay, Jefferson County, New York, has been carefully attended to by your committee. The request is preferred therein, that this General Synod authorize the Board of Corporation of the Synod to accept and hold in trust a deed of conveyance for the parsonage premises of that Mission Church. The representatives of the deceased donor of the land are anxious to convey the premises so that they may be properly secured to a responsible body, for the uses and purposes specified in the original terms of donation. The Board of Corporation, it seems, will be the appropriate body for that purpose.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation of the General Synod be, and hereby are, authorized to receive and hold the appropriate deed of conveyance of the parsonage premises of the Church of the Thousand Isles, for the uses and purposes specified by the donor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., John Garretson, D.D., Harvey D. Ganse, Gustavus Abeel, D.D., George H. Fisher, D.D., and Messrs. Leonard W. Kip, Benjamin C. Miller, and Smith Bloomfield.

The Rev. John H. Suydam was chosen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Rev. Robert P. Lee.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A sermon in behalf of Foreign Missions was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, by the Rev. H. M. Scudder, M.D., from Mark 16 : 15, 16: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented to this body by its Corresponding Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Ferris, has enabled your committee to frame the following table of statistics:

There are three Missions under the care of the Church, viz.: the Amoy, the Arcot, and the Japanese.

1. The Amoy Mission was founded in 1842, by the late lamented and ever-beloved David Abeel, D.D. It is now composed of Rev. Messrs. E. Doty, J. V. N. Talmadge, J. Joralemon, A. C. Ostrom, and D. Rapalje, *Missionaries;* and Mrs. Talmadge, Mrs. Joralemon, and Mrs. Ostrom, *Assistant Missionaries;* with eight native helpers—making sixteen laborers in all, who, in their several spheres, are united there in teaching and preaching the Gospel.

The measure of success which has been divinely bestowed on the Amoy Mission is large. The amplest freedom in preaching the Word has been enjoyed. The Word has been savingly applied to the hearts of once heathen hearers. Eighteen during the past year have been added to the Amoy Church, on confession, and three to the Chiohbé station. There are now one hundred and eighty-five communicants walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, under the care of this mission.

There are also three parochial schools and four theological students under the patronage of this mission; and everything in the report of its condition shows that not only are our brethren at Amoy doing the work of evangelical instruction, but that they are successfully laying the foundations of a comprehensive system, which, with the Divine favor, will hereafter furnish on heathen soil, and from once heathen material, the means of conducting an expansive scheme of Christian labor.

2. The Arcot Mission, dear to the memory and precious to the heart of the Church, as the place where that patriarch of missionaries, the late Dr. John Scudder, wrought in the Master's service until he was summoned to his rest, consists now of Rev. Henry M. Scudder, M.D., Rev. William W. Scudder, Rev. Joseph Scudder, Rev. Ezekiel Scudder, Rev. Jared L. Scudder, Rev. Joseph Mayou, and Rev. Jacob

Chamberlain, Jr., (under appointment,) *Missionaries;* and Mrs. H. M. Scudder, Mrs. W. W. Scudder, Mrs. Joseph Scudder, Mrs. Jared L. Scudder, Mrs. Joseph Mayou, and Miss Louisa Scudder, *Assistant Missionaries*—in all thirteen, together with Andrew Sawyer, a candidate for ordination.

The churches comprising the Arcot Classis are five, viz.: Chittoor, Arnee, Rahnepettah, Vellore, and Coonoor; having an aggregate of 146 members, 29 of whom have been received during the past year. As the statistics of this Classis are published in full in their proper place in the Minutes, we need not refer to them further than to say, that they show conclusively, that even in India, in face of the tremendous obstacles which exist to the progress of the Gospel there, it does, nevertheless, prove its power to break down the strongest ramparts, and secure its appropriate triumphs.

3. The Japanese Mission, the members of which are now on their way to their destined field, consists of Rev. S. R. Brown, Rev. Guido F. Verbeck, and Duane B. Simmons, M.D., *Missionaries;* and of Mrs. S. R. Brown, Mrs. Guido Verbeck, Mrs. Dr. Simmons, and Miss Julia Brown, *Assistant Missionaries.*

The whole number of missionaries now under the care of the Church is *fifteen* (15), assistant missionaries thirteen (13), native helpers (reported) 9—making in all thirty-seven Christian preachers and teachers engaged in our behalf, and for the sake of Jesus, in the great work of evangelizing the heathen world.

During the past year, the Amoy Mission has been reinforced by Rev. Messrs. Ostrom and Rapalje, of whose safe arrival we have just learned, with grateful satisfaction. To Arcot has gone Rev. Mr. Mayou, who accompanied Rev. W. W. Scudder on his return. He who holds the waters in the hollow of his hand, and guides the winds in their winding paths, hath been pleased to bring them also to their desired haven.

The Mission to Japan, invited by Providence, is an undertaking which at once enlarges the sphere of our operations, and augments both our moral and pecuniary responsibility to pray and give, that the work so auspiciously increased do not decline upon our hands.

For Arcot, the Rev. Jacob Chamberlain, now under commission, expects in a few months to sail.

Thus it will be seen that our two established missions have been strengthened, and another initiated during the ecclesiastical year now closed. It is also stated that several of the students now in our Theological Seminary intend to devote themselves to the foreign missionary work—a fact which indicates the growing missionary zeal of the Church, and which ought to encourage all in our communion to supply liberally the means to send abroad the men who are willing to battle in the high places of heathenism for "the truth as it is in Jesus."

It is almost needless to say that the present condition of our Foreign Missionary affairs awakens gratitude and inspires hope. Two years ago, when our now adopted and cherished method was initiated,

fear and trembling pervaded the Church. To-day every heart is glad, and the courage of faith has supplanted unworthy doubts and timid irresolution. "The Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearward," is a promise which we have come to understand, as the providence of God has interpreted it through our own experience.

If ever the smallness of our denominational stature could be urged as a valid plea for cautious indifference, that plea can now no longer find a place in our counsels, nor be permitted to influence our action. "Say unto the people that they go forward," is a divine command, audible to every man who hath an ear to hear what God, by his Word, and Providence, and Spirit, is speaking to his Church. We have at length been taught to know what, alas! we were slow in learning, that a great purpose is as necessary to a church as it is to an individual. We are no longer a parasite, hanging in weak dependence upon organizations of human contrivance. But, inasmuch as Christ has charged his Church, as such, to evangelize all nations, we, blessed be his name, have learned, by the discipline of his providence, that we can be loyal to him and true to ourselves, only when, as a Church united in spirit and in effort, we try to execute our Lord's commands. Already the rectitude of this principle of ecclesiastical action is justified by the record of a single year.

While, however, we indulge in the luxury of grateful joy excited by the progress secured in our missionary work, we cannot forget that the feeling engendered by success oftentimes dwindles into indolent self-complacency; and therefore our care should be to guard in every possible way against any decline either in our efforts, or plans, or liberalities. Each succeeding year will now increase the demand for men and money to initiate new and carry forward older undertakings. But, as the five loaves and the two fishes sufficed, in the hands of the Master, to feed the hungry multitude, so we cannot doubt that God's grace will convert our poor resources into means abundant to carry forward the work intrusted to us.

The full and elaborate missionary report furnished this body by the Rev. Dr. Ferris shows to some extent the nature of the great burden of Christian care and solicitude which he has carried with so much of constancy and devotion to the interests committed to his special supervision. The committee are sure they express the wish of the Synod in making this inadequate public recognition of the value of the service gratuitously rendered by the Corresponding Secretary, and in the utterance of the hope that his health may be restored and his life be long preserved to witness the triumphs of the Redeemer's kingdom in the uttermost parts of the earth. And we recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to make such appropriation for his future services as that Board may think proper.

It is a matter of gratulation that the Rev. Dr. Scudder and the Rev. Mr. Joralemon, during their stay here, are enabled to address our churches, and plead the cause of Foreign Missions, out of the abundance of their knowledge of the wants of the heathen world. It

may very well be that for such a time as this the Lord transferred them from India and China to America, that they might be instruments in his hand to incite their brethren here to larger zeal in the work of saving the world.

From the Treasurer's Report, your committee learn that the sum-total of receipts during the past year has been $25,134.61—a sum larger than the Synod of last year ventured to hope might be raised. Cheering as this statement is, it is important for us distinctly to mark and weigh the fact, that during the year to come, we shall need at least *thirty-five thousand dollars* to meet expenses for which the Board is now pledged, and for the sending out of other missionaries. As there can be no going back in this work, it is necessary that pastors and Consistories should take early and efficient steps to gather the gifts of God's people for the foreign field.

The Treasurer's Report, which has been in our hands, is a document prepared with great labor, and exhibits minutely the current contributions of the several Classes and Churches, together with all donations made by individuals. Too great praise cannot be awarded Mr. Hayt for the perspicuity and accuracy of his annual account just rendered.

The following resolutions are submitted:

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church be, and hereby is, authorized to apply to the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation under the above title.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod earnestly enjoin upon the churches the duty of forming each for itself a systematic plan of benevolence, in which the Foreign Missionary work shall occupy a place.

3. *Resolved*, That every pastor should regard himself as bound, by the very nature of his office, to act as an agent for our Foreign Missionary Board; and that the Foreign Board regard every pastor as such, and make suggestions as to the mode of operation desirable to be pursued.

4. *Resolved*, That we regard the *Sower* as an important vehicle of Missionary intelligence to the churches, and commend it to their attention.

Respectfully submitted.

ELBERT S. PORTER, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected, viz.: Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., E. P. Rogers, D.D., William J. R. Taylor, Philip Peltz, James Demarest, Jun'r, Daniel McL. Quackenbush, and Messrs. Theodore Frelinghuysen, William B. Crosby, and John T. Moore.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect individuals to preach the Annual Missionary Sermons, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D., was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon on Foreign Missions, and the Rev. Charles S. Hageman was chosen *Secundus*.

The Rev. John De Witt was chosen *Primarius* to preach the sermon on behalf of Domestic Missions, and the Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund respectfully report, that according to the statement of the Treasurer of the Board of Direction, the fund now amounts to $17,018.35.

There were added to the principal during the year, $121.39, collected in the churches.

Cash received from annual subscriptions amounts to.....		$1,261 50
Interest on invested fund during the year.....		1,113 00
Sum of income.....		$2,374 50
Out of this has been paid to annuitants.....	$1,855 00	
Other expenses.....	152 30	
Sum of disbursements.....		2,077 30
Leaving in the treasury a balance of		297 20

The number of subscribers to the fund is eighty-four, of whom ten have been added during the year.

Fourteen of this number have made no payments within the last five years, and some have not for a much longer period; thereby, of course, forfeiting their interest in the fund, except the privilege of withdrawing the amount paid by them, without interest.

Thus, there are only seventy actual paying subscribers at the present time out of three hundred and eighty-nine ministers, being less than one-fifth of the number.

The fund has been slow in its progress. It was in embryo as early as 1813; occupied the attention of Synod and committees, and was an object of anxious solicitude from year to year, until 1837, when it was fully matured and put into operation, and received the first annual subscription of ministers.

It became available to beneficiaries by the increase of the fund to $10,000 in 1845, since which time it has slowly but surely advanced. The Board of Direction and committees, and Synod, have, year after year, *reiterated* their expressions of confidence in its principles and

results, and commended it to the ministry and churches. It has been framed with great care, occupied for years the best minds, and, as finally perfected, is believed to furnish as safe a basis for investment as any other fund in existence.

It affords advantages in many respects which ordinary life insurance policies do not present. The collections and donations by churches and persons who are not ministers, cause an increased proportionate benefit to those who are interested in it; whereas, in ordinary life insurance companies, there is no other source of benefit than from the money actually paid by the insured, and by them alone.

In ordinary life insurance companies, the diseased, the infirm, the aged, are not allowed to share its interests by an insurance upon their lives. They are those only whose death is calculated to have best chances of being remote through youth or vigor, and health, who are received into the number.

Then, moreover, no man himself obtains advantage, however infirm, or helpless, or needy he may become. Its benefits are available only at his death. The six worthy clergymen, in their infirmity and need, now assisted and cheered by our relief fund, could themselves have derived no assistance from any life insurance company. This fund, moreover, while it is permanent, so that no essential feature of it can be altered without the consent of every one who is a party to it by subscription, is under the supervision and control of the Synod itself, and managed by the trusty men of their own appointment, constituting the Board of Direction.

The fund is now in effective operation, affording assistance to ten worthy widows once co-workers in the Master's cause with, and now relics of, our dear departed brethren; and to six worn-out, faithful servants of the Lord.

Your committee again recommend it to the ministers of the Church, and solicit their attention to it, as due particularly from the following considerations:

1st. Their own benefit. Twenty dollars a year, or ten, or five, if any prefer, could be spared by many without serious inconvenience, or if needful, could, by proper management, be collected in the churches, and applied in payment of the subscription of pastors, which would afford a sure aid to themselves, if in need, and to their widows and children while young and helpless.

2d. Their attention to it is due from principles of benevolence to their brethren. Should neither particular subscribers nor their families reap advantage from it equal to their payments, five, or ten, or twenty dollars a year, is but a small amount to contribute for the benefit of the whole company of our disabled, needy brethren, and the widows and helpless children of the departed.

To the churches, too, this fund is commended, not only on principles of benevolence, but also those of justice The men who, through the whole period of active life, have devoted themselves to the Church, and received in compensation no more than a bare supply of current wants, while those of all other professions and callings enjoy the opportunity of laying up in store for age and disability, and provide for their de-

pendent households, in justice, are entitled to a maintenance in time of need from those in whose service their energies were exhausted during the period of active life.

But it is believed that the churches are willing to contribute regularly and liberally to the object, if properly presented to them.

Other objects of benevolence are receiving increasing attention and enlarged contributions from the Church. And doubtlessly, the benign operations of the Widows' Fund might be largely extended, and place beyond all contingency of diminished annuity those now reaping or hereafter to reap its benefits.

It may be proper to remind the churches that there are two methods by which an interest in the fund may be secured. One, by the payment of an annuity; the other, by the payment at once of such sum as will bring an interest tantamount to the annual subscription, which sum may be refunded to the subscribers or their heirs, the interest of it having secured the annual payment of their subscriptions. This last method is particularly commended to the more wealthy and benevolent members of churches, as the means of securing with the least trouble the enlargement of the operations of the fund.

Your committee would offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Widows' Fund and the Sustentation Fund be commended to the ministers and churches under our care, as deserving of increased contributions.

2. *Resolved*, That the attention of the Classes be called to the Widows' Fund and the Sustentation Fund, and that they be requested to take some steps to make those funds more efficient.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. VAN AKEN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

A sermon was delivered on the evening of the third day of the session by Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., on behalf of the Board of Publication, from Ecclesiastes 12: 11: "The words of the wise are as goads and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd."

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report as follows:

The *Annual Report* of the Board of Publication, in its tone of encouragement and hopefulness, seems like an echo of those of previous

years. Reversing the order of nature, however, in which the sound becomes fainter and fainter, until it dies away from the ear, this echo waxes stronger and yet more strong at every repetition.

The report is remarkable for its unimaginative character, consisting mainly of an array of business items and figures, which are wearisome to the ear, but more reliable in enabling the Synod to pass a sound judgment upon the condition and prospects of the Board than any flights of fancy or rhetorical flourishes that might have been indulged in.

The following summary of operations is worthy the attention of Synod:

The sum-total of the *receipts* of the Board during the last year amounts to $15,453.87. Of this amount $1,318.55 has been received in collections from forty-seven churches, and $546.94 in donations from individuals; the remainder principally accruing from sales at the Depository, and subscriptions to the *Sower*.

The expenses of the year for the publication of their various treatises, together with office rent, salaries, &c., have been $15,159.83, leaving a balance in the treasury of $294.04.

There is a stock on hand in books, stereotype plates, &c., valued at $15,902.69, showing an increase of $6,419 during the past year. The balance sheet shows an excess of the assets of the Board over all their liabilities of $9,227.63, an amount one-half greater than all the contributions of the churches during the five years of its existence.

The financial exhibit of the year is very minute and satisfactory, leaving no doubt of the economy and practical wisdom with which the affairs of the Board have been conducted, and inviting our fullest confidence, that under the same administration a path of great usefulness and success lies before us in this department of our operations. The business of the Board has very largely increased during the year, the sum-total of its publications exceeding that of the four previous unitedly. Those newly issued have for the most part already obtained a considerable circulation, and received the approval of the churches; and they all, so far as the committee have an opportunity of judging, are adapted to the maintenance of sound doctrine, and the promotion of the great interests which we all have at heart, confirming your committee in their views of the importance of such an agency as a means for the dissemination of the truths of the Bible, as exhibited in the standards of our Church.

During the year the Board has published 16 new books, of which have been printed 26,500 copies; one new edition of a former book has been printed of 1,000 copies; of works in German, 2,000 copies; 24 new Tracts, 37,950 copies; 9 new editions of old Tracts, 13,000 copies; Sabbath School Bible Proofs, 20,000 copies In addition to these, the Minutes of Particular and General Synods, and of the various Boards, 3,250. In all of Books and Tracts, 103,700 copies; number of pages printed during the year, 7,740,000.

We cannot but feel that the Board has a claim to the hearty co-*operation* of the churches, and that its condition is such as to invite

confidence and liberality far exceeding what has already been manifested. We trust that the time is not far distant when, in view of the increased prosperity of this, and all our Boards, the Dutch Church shall possess a suitable building, in which they may find accommodations better adapted to their necessities than the present contracted and insufficient rooms in which their business is conducted. This, however, must proceed from individual liberality.

It is a matter of regret that so few of the churches have yet given to this Board a share of their contributions.

Your committee would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be recommended to all our churches, as eminently worthy of more enlarged and general contributions, and that churches and individuals be invited to assist in the circulation of its Books and Tracts.

There are several subjects upon which the Board desire the action of Synod. The first of these is the Psalm and Hymn Book. The Board have been preparing plates for a new and more correct edition of our Psalms and Hymns. They first ask that the Synod will so modify their past action as to allow them to publish the smallest and cheapest book, with only the addition of the Heidelbergh Catechism, the Compendium, and the Sacramental and Ordination Forms, as the insertion of all our doctrinal standards would so increase the size as to render it unfit for binding.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be instructed to publish no more books of this edition.

Another request relates to the selection of a new hymn in place of Hymn 634, which is a duplicate of several verses in Hymn 635.

Resolved, That authority be hereby given for making such selection and substitution.

The report likewise states that Hymn 747 is without a metre, and as it now stands cannot be sung, and ask permission to make various changes which will remedy the difficulty.

Resolved, That such alteration is expedient.

The Board request that they have permission to charge $1.25 for the new edition of the large book until the stereotype plates are paid for, and after that time $1.

Resolved, That the permission be granted.

A further request is, that the Board have the privilege of publishing a Book of Selections from the Psalms and Hymns suitable for social worship, and also a smaller one, which could be sold for a few cents, suitable for Sabbath-schools.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to make and publish such Selections, as speedily as is consistent with due deliberation in choosing the Hymns best adapted for such purposes.

In the plates for the new Hymn Book various improvements have been introduced, which must render it more acceptable to the churches than the old, such as the correction of innumerable typographical errors

adding fuller indexes, page titles, and substituting for the double numbering of the Hymns the name of the author, so far as the same can be ascertained; all of which your committee approve.

As it is desirable that the early records of the Dutch Church should be accessible in a language which we can all understand, your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be authorized to have the Minutes of the Old Cœtus translated from the Dutch, provided that the expense shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars; and that when the work is done to the satisfaction of the Board, the Treasurer of the Synod be directed to pay the sum required, to their order.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication have authority from this Synod to publish Books and Tracts in the Dutch language, for circulation among our Holland churches, so far as they can do so without embarrassment.

In concluding their report, the committee feel that some notice should be taken of the indefatigable and laborious services of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, which he has now rendered for five years without pecuniary compensation. It may not be necessary to offer any resolution, but have no doubt that the Synod will heartily endorse this acknowledgment of the obligations we are under for the faithful discharge of his duties as an officer of this Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DE WITT, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service had expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Thomas De Witt, D D., Thomas C. Strong, Elbert S. Porter, D.D., David H. Riddle, D.D., and Messrs. James Myers, Jonathan S. Burr, Maurice E. Viele, and Mortimer De Motte.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach a sermon on behalf of the Board of Publication, Synod proceeded to the election, when it appeared that the Rev. Thomas C. Strong was chosen *Primarius*, and Rev. John Mason Ferris, *Secundus*.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

Two hundred printed copies of the Roll of the Synod, including members, officers, and Standing Committees, were presented by the Rev. Dr. Rogers, when it was resolved that the thanks of the Synod be returned to Dr. Rogers for his kindness.

An invitation was received from the Librarian of the Young Men's

Association of the City of Albany, to visit the Reading-rooms of the Association, which was accepted, and the thanks of the Synod returned to them for their polite invitation.

Resolved, That the financial year of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, and of the several other Boards under the charge of the Synod, terminate with the 30th of April of each year, and that the Treasurers make up their yearly accounts accordingly.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The Rev. Charles Scott, John N. Jansen, and the Elder, Samuel G. Lott, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for corresponding delegates, and for persons to preach the sermons on behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of Education, and of the Board of Publication, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

Resolved, That the labors and self-denying services and varied usefulness of the late Rev. John Scudder, M.D., Missionary to India, claim for him a special place in the memory and affections of the Christian Church, and deserve to be commemorated by some suitable monument in the field in which he labored.

Resolved, That Messrs. Thos. C. Doremus, James A. Williamson, James L. Schieffelin, Robert H. Pruyn, and Fred. T. Frelinghuysen be a committee to raise means for the erection of a suitable monument in India, and to execute the same.

Resolved, That as Dr. Scudder was so largely the servant of the churches, the committee be not restricted, in securing donations, to our own denomination.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Synod was addressed on the third day of the session by the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Publication, and the Board of Sabbath School Union, in relation to the interests of those several Boards. After which, the Synod spent a season in a free interchange of opinion in regard to the benevolent operations of the Church, during which they united in prayer and thanksgiving to God.

Resolved, That the names of the officers and members of the several Boards of the Church be hereafter published annually in the Minutes of General Synod.

Resolved, That all the pastors and churches in connection with this Synod are hereby earnestly requested to regard its injunction, that the last Thursday of February be observed as a day of special prayer for colleges and seminaries of learning, and that the pastors of the various churches preach upon the subject of Education on the Sabbath previous thereto.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report:

The following extract from the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago has been referred to this committee:

"The Classis of Michigan has passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Classis respectfully asks Particular Synod of Chicago to request the General Synod to extend to the other Western Classes the privilege that was granted during its session of June last to the Classis of Illinois, viz.: to divide the whole amount appropriated to each Classis for expenses to General Synod among their respective delegates who shall be in actual attendance upon the General Synod, during the continuance of such appropriation; provided that no delegate shall receive more than the actual expenses of travel."

In considering this extract from the proceedings of Particular Synod of Chicago, your committee find that, in 1857, the following amounts were appropriated to the Western Classes for expenses in attending General Synod, viz.:

Classis of Wisconsin	$ 96 00
" Illinois	108 00
" Michigan	84 00
" Holland	84 00
	$372 00

We have ascertained that the understanding at the time was, that each Western Classis should send three delegates, each of whom

should receive one-third of the amount appropriated, in the manner above stated. Last year, at the request of the Classis of Illinois, the amount appropriated to that Classis was divided between two delegates; and now, at the suggestion of the Classis of Michigan, (as appears from the extract cited above,) this Synod is requested to divide in the same manner the amount appropriated to each Classis equally between the members in attendance.

After this brief review of the facts, your committee have concluded to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That we return to the arrangement of 1857, viz.: to divide the sum appropriated between not more than three delegates from each Classis; and if there be less than three delegates in attendance, then each delegate shall receive but one-third of the sum thus appropriated.

The adoption of this resolution (your committee believe) will carry out the intention of the original appropriation, which was, to bring the Western delegates to the bounds of the Classis of Cayuga, and so put them on an equality with the delegates from the Eastern churches. This arrangement of the matter will, we believe, be carried on without objection; while we apprehend that any other may awaken opposition, and at last defeat the end in view.

The following bills have been presented:

For services of Sexton and assistant	$20 00
Stationery	5 00
For printing ballots	3 50
Amounting in all to	$28 50

which they recommend to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

G. L. ROOF, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1,300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be given to the Consistory of the North Dutch Church of Albany, for the use of their church edifice and lecture-room during the sessions of this body; and also to the Consistory of the Second Dutch Church, for the use of their church for the sermon on Education.

Resolved, That our particular acknowledgments are due to Rev. Dr. Rogers, and to Messrs. Maurice E. Viele and Robert H. Pruyn,

for their unwearied personal attentions, and for their generosity and kindness in favoring us with a free excursion to the Albany Cemetery and Cohoes Falls.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the families of this city, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this body, and that we will retain most pleasant and grateful recollections of our sojourn amongst them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be returned to Captain Isaac P. Smith, of the steamer "Armenia," for the kind offer of a free passage to the members of Synod from this city to New York.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the Rev. Daniel Lord, and the Elders, Richard Spear, Harman Hallenbeck, Gilbert Wemple, Thomas F. Mesick, F. P. Bellinger, A. J. Schuyler, and A. Hees, were absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next stated session of the General Synod be held in the Second Reformed Dutch Church in the City of Philadelphia.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the Second Reformed Dutch Church in the City of Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday in June, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; and was closed with prayer, singing the Doxology, and pronouncing the apostolical benediction by the President.

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

General Synod

OF THE

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Formation of Synod.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D., the President of the last General Synod, who preached a sermon on the evening of the first day of the session, from 2 Corinthians, 4: 1: "*Therefore, seeing we have this ministry as we have received mercy, we faint not.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

From the Particular Synod of New York.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*—Rev. Abraham R. Van Nest, Talbot W. Chambers, (*c*) George W. Bethune, D.D., (*k.*) *Elders*—Samuel B. Schieffelin, Henry Camerden, Jr., (*c.*)

2. *From the South Classis of New York.*—Rev. Charles D. Buck, Alexander R. Thompson. *Elders*—

(*c*) *Took his seat* on the third day of the session.
(*k*) *Took his seat* on the seventh day of the session.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*—Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D., David Cole, Jacob C. Sears, D.D., (*a.*) *Elders*—John V. A. Merrell, Peter Cortelyou, (*b.*)

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*—Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, James Demarest, Jr., John L. Chapman, (*m.*) *Elders*—Jacob R. Wortendyke, William H. Kirk.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*—Rev. E. Tanjore Corwin, Philip Peltz, Peter Allen, (*o.*) *Elder*—Andrew Ackerman.

6. *From the South Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. Nehemiah P. Pierce, R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., (*c.*) *Elders*—Charles Lott, Frederic J. Hosford, Henry S. Ditmas.

7. *From the North Classis of Long Island.*—Rev. John B. Alliger, (*o*) Goyn Talmage. *Elder*—Charles Debevoise.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*—Rev. John H. Suydam, Oliver E. Cobb, William A. Cornell. *Elders*—Jacob B. Jewett, Peter Brett, (*o*) Andrew I. Heermance.

9. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Theodore B. Romeyn, Gabriel Ludlow, D.D. *Elders*—James Peters, Abraham Voorhees, Christian E. Spangler, (*g.*)

10. *From the Classis of Passaic.*—Rev. Nathaniel Conklin, James E. Bernart, (*a.*) *Elder*—Cornelius B. Doremus.

11. *From the Classis of Hudson.*—Rev. John G. Johnson, William Lyall, (*e.*) *Elders*—Thomas Finger, William P. Stall, (*a*) (*p.*)

12. *From the Classis of Westchester.*—Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, Daniel McL. Quackenbush, William S. Moore. *Elders*—Richard Walsh, John Q. A. Butler, (*c*) (*p.*)

13. *From the Classis of Monmouth.*—Rev. William Reiley, D.D., Alexander C. Millspaugh. *Elders*—Joseph J. Van Mater, John E. Conover.

14. *From the Classis of Raritan.*—Abraham Messler, D.D., William Brush, James Le Fevre, (*a.*) *Elders*—Samuel S. Hartwell, (*a*) (*f*) Peter D. Vroom, (*c.*)

(*a*) Took his seat on the second day of the session.

(*b*) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.

(*c*) Took his seat on the third day of the session.

(*e*) Took his seat on the fourth day of the session.

(*f*) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.

(*g*) Took his seat on the sixth day of the session.

(*m*) Succeeded on the seventh day of the session by his secundus, Rev. Hasbrook Dubois.

(*o*) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

(*p*) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

15. *From the Classis of Arcot, (India).*—Rev.

From the Particular Synod of Albany.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*—Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers, D.D., John A. Lansing, Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D. *Elders*—Stephen Van Rensselaer, (*j*) Adam Van Allen (*b.*)

2. *From the Classis of Ulster.*—Rev. Woodbridge L. James, William R. S. Betts, (*o*) Cornelius L. Van Dyck. *Elders*—John Vanderbogert, David F. Davis, (*d*) Isaiah Hutchings, (*d.*)

3. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*—Rev. Richard H. Steele, J. Romeyn Berry, Elbert Nevius. *Elders*—Ryer Hermance, Jacob T. Ham, Jacob C. Evarts.

4. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*—Rev. John G. Hall, John Clancy, John J. Quick. *Elders*—John Markell, Henry Schuyler, (*h*) Simon J. Vedder.

5. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*—Rev. Elihu Doty, D.D., William G. E. See, Henry A. Raymond (*a.*) *Elders*—Storm S. Becker, David G. Scott.

6. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*—Rev. Peter H. Burghardt, Edward E. Seelye, D.D., Abraham J. Switz. *Elders*—Caspar F. Hoag, Rockwell Harmer, Henry R. Furbeck.

7. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*—John Garretson, D.D., T. De Witt Talmage, (*o*) George H. Fisher, D.D. *Elders*—Thomas H. Wood, Edward B. Hopkins, (*o.*)

8. *From the Classis of Orange.*—Rev. N. Du Bois Williamson, Nathan W. Jones, Robert Pitts. *Elders*—Elias B. Littell, (*h*) Reuben Ostrander.

9. *From the Classis of Greene.*—Rev. Samuel T. Searle, Francis N. Zabriskie, William E. Turner (*o.*) *Elder*—Luther Hollister.

10. *From the Classis of Geneva.*—Rev. Augustus F. Todd. Jacob R. Van Arsdale, (*a*) John L. See, (*k.*) *Elders*—Arthur S. Johnson, Cornelius V. H. Morris, M.D.

(*a*) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(*b*) Obtained leave of absence on the second day of the session.
(*d*) Obtained leave of absence on the third day of the session.
(*h*) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.
(*j*) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(*k*) Took his seat on the seventh day of the session.
(*o*) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.

11. *From the Classis of Kingston.*—Rev. John L. McNair, Jacob N. Voorhees, (*h*) Charles H. Stitt. *Elders*—Frederick M. Merkle, Jacob Eltinge, Daniel S. Schoonmaker.

12. *From the Classis of Saratoga.*—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, D.D., (*o*) Oscar H. Gregory, D.D. *Elder*—Louis Rousseau.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago.

1. *From the Classis of Illinois.*—Rev. Aaron Lloyd, Cornelius D. Eltinge. *Elders*—

2. *From the Classis of Michigan.*—Rev. Henry J. Brown, M.D., Joseph H. Kershow, (*a*) (*p.*) *Elders*—John H. Polhemus.

3. *From the Classis of Holland.*—Rev. A. Zwemer (*a.*) *Elders*—

4. *From the Classis of Wisconsin.*—Rev. John Mason Ferris. *Elders*—

ARTICLE III.

MODERATORS.

The Rev. Oscar H. Gregory, D.D., was chosen *President;* the Rev. John Garretson, D.D., *Adsessor;* and the Rev. Messrs. John H. Suydam and E. Tanjore Corwin, *Clerks, pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

READING OF THE MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Session of the Synod were read.

Acts of the Synod.

ARTICLE I.

ORDERS AND RULES.

These were read.

(*a*) Took his seat on the second day of the session.
(*h*) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth day of the session.
(*i*) Obtained leave of absence on the sixth.
(*o*) Obtained leave of absence on the seventh day of the session.
(*p*) Obtained leave of absence on the eighth day of the session.

ARTICLE II.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed:

On the Professorate.—Rev. George H. Fisher, John Garretson, John L. McNair. Elders, Frederic J. Hosford and Cornelius B. Doremus.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Victor M. Hulbert, Peter H. Burghardt, Francis N. Zabriskie. Elders, Louis Rousseau and Frederick M. Merkle.

On Domestic Missions.—Rev. William J. R. Taylor, Cornelius L. Van Dyck, J. R. Van Arsdalen. Elders, James Peters, Thomas Finger.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Cornelius Van Santvoord, Isaac N. Wyckoff, J. Mason Ferris. Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer and Jacob B. Jewett.

On Accounts.—Rev. John G. Hall, William E. Turner, John J. Quick. Elders, Joseph J. Van Mater and John E. Conover.

On Overtures and Judicial Business.—Rev. John B. Alliger, Richard H. Steele, Abraham J. Switz. Elders, Thomas H. Wood and Edward B. Hopkins.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, Abraham R. Van Nest, Theodore B. Romeyn. Elders, Elias B. Littell and Luther Hollister.

On Education.—Rev. Abraham Messler, William Reiley, Paul D. Van Cleef. Elders, Arthur S. Johnson and John H. Polhemus.

On Nominations.—Rev. Richard H. Steele, T. De Witt Talmage, John G. Johnson. Elders, Jacob T. Ham and Andrew J. Heermance.

On the Widows' Fund.—Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush, Charles Stitt, Goyn Talmage. Elders, William H. Kirk and Peter Brett.

On Publication.—Rev. Philip Peltz, N. D. Williamson, John A. Lansing. Elders, Jacob R. Wortendyke and Andrew Ackerman.

On Foreign Missions.—Rev. E. P. Rogers, Edward E. Seelye, Alex. R. Thompson. Elders, Louis Rousseau and Samuel B. Schieffelin.

ARTICLE III.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following report was received from the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Report of the Board of Superintendents to General Synod:

The Board of Superintendents met in the Theological Hall at New

Brunswick, on the 15th day of May, 1860, at 11 o'clock A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. John Gosman, D.D.

The following members were present:

Rev. H. D. Ganse,	Rev. J. Van Vechten, D.D.,
" S. B. How, D.D.,	" John Gosman, DD.,
" D. H. Riddle, D.D.,	" L. H. Van Dyke,
" William Demarest,	" A. H. Van Vranken,
" F. M. Kip, D.D.,	" Wm. G. E. See,
" T. B. Romeyn,	" John Garretson, D.D.,
" A. G. Ryerson,	" M. V. Schoonmaker,
" J. H. Pitcher,	" Wm. E. Turner,
" V. M. Hulbert,	" B. C. Lippincott,
" John L. See,	" O. H. Gregory, D.D.

The South Classis of New York, South Classis of Long Island, North Classis of Long Island, the Classes of Monmouth, Schenectady, Michigan, Illinois, Holland, Wisconsin, and Arcot were not represented at this meeting.

The seats of the following members become vacant by the expiration of their term of service:

Rev. S. B. How, D.D.,	of the	Classis of	New Brunswick,
" F. M. Kip, D.D.,	"	"	Poughkeepsie,
" T. B. Romeyn,	"	"	Philadelphia,
" A. G. Ryerson,	"	"	Passaic,
" J. Van Vechten, D.D.	"	"	Albany,
" A. H. Van Vranken,	"	"	Montgomery,
" J. H. Seelye,	"	"	Schenectady.

The seats of the following members become vacant by their removal from the bounds of the Classis which they were appointed to represent:

Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush,	South Classis of L. I,
" G. H. Mandeville,	North Classis "

The following Classes have not been represented in the Board for several years:

South Classis of New York,
Classis of Michigan,
Classis of Wisconsin.

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. John Gosman, D.D., President, and Rev B. C. Lippincott, Clerk *pro tem.*

The following student have been connected with the several Classes of the institution during the past year, viz.:

Senior Class.

Jacob Baay,	Edward Miller,
James H. Ballagh,	George H. Peek,
Philip Berry,	L. C. Rogers,
I. Collier,	John Scudder,

A. V. Gulick,
M. H. Hutton,
H. W. F. Jones,
L. W. Kip, Jr.
T. A. Talmage,
I. W. Warner,
J. E. Watkins,
Dennis Wortman, Jr.—16.

Middle Class.

A. Blauvelt,
P. B. Bonney,
J. B. Drury,
C. B. Durand,
W. R. Duryee,
J. H. Frazee,
J. L. Kip,
J. D. Krum,
W. H. Miller,
R. Pieters,
R. M. Stanbrough,
M. Swick,
A. Thompson,
J. Vandermeulen,
C. Vanderveen,
F. V. Van Vranken,
H. Vehslage, Jr.,
F. G. Watson,
P. Q. Wilson,
W. A. Wurts.—20.

Junior Class.

H. V. Brandt,
Marcus Burr,
Wm. Cornell,
Jacob Fehrman,
N. D. Gulick,
J. R. Matthews,
J. R. Brock,
I. H. Collier,
T. S. Doolittle,
G. S. Garretson,
H. H. Hawes,
Abm. Mattice,
A. P. Peek,
S. J. Rogers,
S. D. Scudder,
J. Vandermeulen,
F. F. Wilson,
J. K. Rhinehart,
H. R. Schermerhorn,
A. J. Seebring,
R. M. Whitbeck.—21.

Total, 57

Mr. Matthew B. Riddle, Resident Licentiate.

Mr. Hutton, of the Senior Class, entered by dispensation of Synod, he having pursued his studies two years previously in the Union Theological Seminary of New York.

Mr. L. C. Rogers is a preacher in the Seventh-Day Baptist denomination, but has passed through our whole course, and with great acceptance to the Faculty.

Mr. John Scudder has been absent by dispensation of Synod during a portion of the year, attending medical lectures in New York. He has, however, by great diligence since his return, made up to a considerable extent for the time lost by absence.

Mr. Warner, according to the advice of Synod, entered the Seminary, and in view of his age, besides his having been a licentiate in another denomination, was advised by the Faculty to take the course of the senior year. His case has been referred back to Synod, with testimonials as to his piety and orthodoxy.

Mr. Frazee, of the Middle Class, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has attended to all the English studies of the institution, and has been licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

A communication, received by the Professors from the Elders of the Church of Graafschap, in the Classis of Holland, was transmitted to the Board, asking that Mr. R. Pieters might be permitted to leave the institution at the close of the present seminary year, and become their pastor. Mr. Pieters is unwilling to move in the matter, and prefers that the Board of Superintendents should decide whether any movement for a dispensation shall be made. The Faculty state that they have entire confidence in the piety, ability, and sound judgment of Mr. Pieters, and were he at once put into the ministry would have no fear as to the result.

Upon the foregoing the following resolution was passed: That the case of Mr. Pieters be referred to General Synod, with the recommendation of this Board that the dispensation contemplated in his case be granted.

The Faculty report with gratification that the health of the students has been unusually good. Their diligence, attendance, and general conduct have been very commendable and satisfactory. They also report a very encouraging exhibition of the missionary spirit; in the fact, that five of the Senior Class have offered themselves for the foreign field. One of these has been advised by his physician to withdraw his offer, on account of the state of his health. Four others have devoted themselves to the service of the Domestic Board in the West.

The Board feel called to congratulate Synod on the foregoing facts concerning the number and the spirit of consecration of the students.

Our thanks are due to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity granted to this agency for the education of a pious and efficient ministry for the Church.

The questions directed by Synod were put to the students, with reference to their preaching otherwise than under the special cases of exception mentioned in Synod's resolutions. The Board regret the necessity of reporting that the rule of Synod was confessed to have been broken by all but two members of the Senior Class, and by seven members of the Middle Class. The names of those transgressing are Messrs. Baay, Ballagh, Berry, Collier, Gulick, Jones, Miller, Peck, Scudder, Talmage, Watkins, Wortman; Middle Class: Messrs. Blauvelt, Krum, Miller, Pieters, Vandermeulen, Vanderveen, and Wilson.

The examinations of the several classes were well sustained. All the members of the Senior Class were recommended for the usual professoral certificate, except Mr. Warner, who, in view of the necessity of obtaining a dispensation from Synod, was recommended for a qualified certificate.

The annual sermon was preached by Rev. D. H. Riddle, D.D., from Romans 1: 18.

The address to the students was delivered by Rev. O. H. Gregory, D.D.

It was resolved to extend the sessions of the Board to Thursday evening, to afford time for more extended examinations.

A letter was received from the Faculty, informing the Board that

Rev. F. M. Kip, D.D., had just presented to the Seminary a beautiful portrait of Rev. Dr. Livingston.

The Board adopted the following minute, it being understood that Dr. Kip had presented the portrait on behalf of the family of his late revered father:

"The name of the Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston is very intimately associated with the history of the Reformed Dutch Church in America. It is a name which will always have a sweet fragrance with all who feel any interest in the maintenance and diffusion of evangelical piety on this continent. It is therefore with feelings of peculiar gratification that the Board of Superintendents have received an excellent portrait of Dr. Livingston from Rev. Francis M. Kip, D.D., and hereby express their grateful acknowledgments of this memorial of a father in the Church, who is so extensively known, and so highly appreciated."

The Board having been deprived sometimes of the presence and counsel of members for want of secundi to take the place of primarii, who are hindered from coming, recommend to Synod to authorize hereafter the appointment of a member primarius, and a secundus for each Classis.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. SEE,
A. G. RYERSON, } *Committee.*
L. H. VAN DYKE,

NEW BRUNSWICK, *May* 16, 1860.

A true copy from the Minutes.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, *Stated Clerk.*

An extract from the Minutes of the Classis of New Brunswick was received, requesting a dispensation in behalf of Mr. Frederick R. Brace, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Ulster in reference to the contingent expenses of the General Synod, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Greene submitting a reference to the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was received from Mr. Augustus Blauvelt, a member of the Theological Seminary, asking a dispensation in his favor, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Raritan in reference to the Synodical Assessment, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Classis of Philadelphia in

relation to the Synodical Assessment, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Isaac W. Warner, asking for a dispensation, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Thomas C. Butler, Jr., in behalf of Rev. Mr. Harlow, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Widows' Fund.

A communication was received from the South Classis of New York, requesting a dispensation in behalf of Mr. John Wenish, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

BOARD OF CORPORATION.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation was received, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, the Annual Digest, a list of the Securities held by the Board, a list of the endowed Scholarships, a list of the Clerical Subscribers to the Widows' Fund, and accounts current of said Board with the Widows' Fund and the Board of Education, together with the Report of John C. Elmendorf, Esq., Treasurer of Rutgers College, in relation to the Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church:

The Board of Direction respectfully report, that the storehouse of their Treasurer was consumed by fire on the third of January last, and that some of the books and papers of Synod were destroyed, and others injured. It is, however, supposed that no inconvenience will arise therefrom, as most of them were very old, and possessed no pecuniary value.

A deed of Charles P. Dayton and wife, and a deed of Frederick Van Dyke and others, conveying to General Synod portions of the ground connected with Hertzog Hall, have been deposited with the Board.

The Board have received from Garret S. Smock, executor of the estate of Daniel J. Schanck, (deceased,) late of Monmouth Co., N. J., the sum of three thousand dollars, being the amount of a bequest of said Daniel J. Schanck, to the General Synod, the interest of which is to be applied to the support and education of pious indigent young men preparing for the Gospel Ministry.

On application, the Board have given their consent to the closing of the street immediately in the rear of the Holland Academy.

In accordance with the resolution of General Synod, in 1854, the Board have executed a quit-claim deed releasing the interest of

The Rev. William M. Scott, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat, as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The following report was received from the Rev. John De Witt, the delegate of the Synod to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church:

The undersigned, appointed, by the last General Synod, Corresponding Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, would respectfully report, that he had the pleasure of attending the recent session of that body at Rochester, N. Y.

He was received with great kindness, and bidden to bear to the General Synod a cordial reiteration of past assurances of affection and confidence, and of the satisfaction with which they regard and cherish this correspondence.

JOHN DE WITT.

Millstone, N. J., June 5th, 1860.

Certain documents were received from the Free Church of Scotland, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Correspondence report, that they have carefully attended to the following subjects intrusted to them, viz.:

I. A reference from the Classis of Greene, asking an expression of the opinion of this Synod on the subject of union in efforts to advance religion with denominations differing from us in their doctrines and usages.

II. Two pamphlets from the Free Church of Scotland: the one being a report of their Foreign Missionary enterprise, and the other of their Colonial Mission.

III. A letter from the Church of the Waldenses. Concerning them, they propose the following action to the Synod: That the reference from the Classis of Greene be answered by the following resolution:

I. *Resolved,* That while this Synod does not depart from its uniform practice of making no declaration of abstract principles, it leaves the subject of union with Christians of other denominations, in their efforts to promote revivals of religion and the edification of the Church, to the prudence of ministers and Consistories, with the advice that they take care that the attachment of the people to our doctrinal standards and our usages be not impaired.

II. That the Synod express their grateful sense of the courtesy of these bodies; that the publications be placed in the Library of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, and that the courtesy be reciprocated by sending to the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland a copy of our Minutes for the current year, and of such

Reports of our Boards as are published separately, and to the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of South Africa the documents just named, with the General Catalogue of the Theological Seminary.

III. In reply to the letter from the Waldenses, the following letter is respectfully submitted:

To the Moderator and Synod of the Church of the Waldenses:

DEAR BRETHREN—Your letter, written under the pressure of sore trials, and in anticipation of deeper sorrows, has been laid before us. We thank our God that your faith, "spoken of throughout the whole world," sustained you in the solemn and critical period through which you have passed.

It gratified us to be informed that in your troubles, "after looking to your God you turned naturally to us," as to brethren who ever make mention of you in their prayers, and would be your helpers in the work of the Lord.

The sympathies of our ministers, elders and members, who watched the course of the war, were deeply enlisted in your behalf, and prayer was offered for you. Though, as the information received by the mass of the people respected other aspects of the war, and other places in the march of the armies, the interest in you was not as general or as deep as we could have desired. We recognize in you a brotherhood of a common faith, which you have preserved through many trials for us and for others, and which will be found to be good seed for ground prepared of the Lord, and produce fruit to the glory of his name.

We rejoice with you in the return of peace; your prayers have been heard, and your mourning has been turned into joy. In this event is cause to hope that the desires of your hearts may be at length granted, and that new doors may be opened for the Gospel. May the light of truth, which has been so wonderfully preserved among you, soon be diffused throughout Italy, and the restrictions which have so long impeded your progress be removed, so that you may contribute largely to the triumph of our Lord. In this good work our hearts are with you, and our hands will be opened for your aid.

The Saviour—Head of the Church—has dealt very kindly with us. Our Missionary enterprises, both foreign and domestic, have been greatly prospered, as well in the increasing numbers of men offering themselves to the work, as the enlarged contributions from the churches for their support. Our Theological Seminary was never more prosperous than at present. This is true of all our benevolent enterprises, and God is not leaving our churches without tokens of his Spirit's presence. In these circumstances of great joy, we need your prayers that we may meet our increased responsibilities worthily of him who has called us into his kingdom and glory. Brethren, pray for us.

Grace be with you, and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.

H. N. WILSON,
Chairman of Committee on *Correspondence*.

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a double number of persons from whom to elect delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Synod proceeded to the election, when the following were chosen: Rev. Abraham Messler, D.D., *Primarius*, and Rev. R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., *Secundus*.

ARTICLE VI.

SYNODICAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

In conformity with the standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by a committee for that purpose, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. B. Alliger, Richard H. Steele, and the Elder, Samuel B. Schieffelin.

Resolved, That the subject of making arrangements for the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be referred to the Committee appointed on the Devotional Exercises of the Synod.

Resolved, That a prayer-meeting be held in the Consistory Room of the Church, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, A. M.

Certain resolutions on the subject of intemperance were presented, which were referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully present the following:

Last year's Report on the State of Religion opened with an utterance of gladness, almost of exultation. The Spirit-pouring right hand of Jehovah, the Lord, had been signally displayed in all our bounds; and from the churches, with hardly an exception, voices of joy and thanksgiving for the mercy-showers which had copiously fallen, made music to the hearts of God's children, like that of the morning stars at the beginning.

The report of this year must open in a less jubilant tone, indeed, but one very far from being dismal or despondent. Though the mighty, rushing wind, blowing, as at Pentecost, where it listeth, has been followed by a comparative calm, the calm is not that of the lifeless body or the stagnant pool. On every side are evidences of freshness, and fertility, and genial growth, after plenteous, much-needed rains—ears of corn waving in the sunshine, promising a generous harvest when the fruits shall have had time to reach maturity.

The reports from the various Synods speak almost a uniform language. There has been no wide-spread outpouring of God's Spirit this year within the limits of our Church. Individual churches in several localities have been specially favored, indeed; but these cases ar

exceptional. In the great majority of cases, instead of large numbers being gathered into the Church, as in former years, the heavenly blessing has shown itself in a smaller, though steady and hopeful increase —in the enlarging attendance, in many cases, on the sanctuary services, on the faithful preaching of the doctrines of the Cross; in the harmony and peace which have continued to prevail; in the growing fidelity with which the interests of the children and youth have been cared for and cherished; in the strengthening hold which our charitable institutions are taking on the heart of the Church, as testified by the earnestness, and, in some instances, unwonted liberality shown in their support; and in the intense yearnings which, looking beyond the little limits of a single land, go forth, to seek out souls and save them, into all the world, which the Messiah's own mandate made, to the end of time, the missionary field of his Church.

These are not slight things; they are greatly important; they are greatly significant. They show that, though especial revival seasons have been absent, the Divine Spirit, giving life and activity, has been present. They indicate that Zion is awake to her position, and recognizes more and more the new responsibilities imposed by the special mercies which the churches have lately enjoyed from God's reviving grace. They show, too, that where a genuine revival visits the churches, its highest and most beneficent results are not immediately apparent, but remain to be developed more fully by-and-by, perhaps in the far-off future. When multitudes are born into Christ's kingdom as it were in a day, and the Church welcomes, as she always must, the crowds that enter her gates with rejoicing, the rapture of the hour may lead her to feel that this, of all others, is the time of the Church's palmiest prosperity, of her greatest beauty and strength. But the conclusion is often a hasty one. The fervor of aroused feeling will be apt to subside. The voices of numbers entering God's kingdom with shoutings will cease to thrill the universal heart as they did at first. The time of sober, every-day, life-long work, and praise, and prayer, has come. The seed fallen in shallow soil, springing up rapidly, will wither and die, because unable to resist the scorching sun and the fierce blast. It will reach a dwarf growth at best; while the true plant of the Lord's planting will strike its roots deeper and spread its branches wider, bearing fruit richer and in more abundance, till, after years of fertility on earth, God's hand transplants it, to flourish a fruit-bearing tree forever in his paradise on high.

Judged by this test, our churches show that God has blessed them exceedingly—in the precious revival showers of the past months, and the large accessions made to the number of disciples. And as what is well rooted will be strong, the added strength of these new converts must be felt in every department of Church life and Christian enterprise. And when we learn, as we do from the reports this year, that the prayer-meeting is unusually well attended, and the house of the Lord on the Sabbath better filled; that deeper attention marks the reception of the Word preached; that the communion list is recruited by new names—two thousand five hundred and seventy-nine persons, more than

half the number of last year, having been received on confession of their faith—when we see that growing interest is felt in Sunday-school instruction, in education, in missions, and other causes, as evinced by important individual donations, and a freer scale of benevolence among the churches—several thousand dollars more being given to foreign missions this year than any former one—when we see the disposition to respond more heartily to appeals for money and men to be sent to the destitute myriads around us, we recognize in these signs the benign fruits of the years of the right hand of the Most High, and bless God for all that we have seen and now see, and take courage to press forward towards a higher spirituality and a more Paul-like consecration.

But sin is not dead yet, though so many sinners have been reclaimed through Christ's mercy. Large as the number is that the Church has gained from the world, it is but as a drop from the bosom of the vast ocean of iniquity. The earth is still filled with wickedness. In lands covered over with Christian temples, whose myriad spires point heavenward, where the Bible pours its light, and thunders its wrath against the despisers of God, vice and God-defying iniquity walk abroad with unblushing front. The voice of blasphemy makes the ear to tingle in every street, and lane, and corner of the land. The holy Sabbath is defiantly profaned by throngs who shun the sanctuary, and go forth seeking their own pleasures, on the day of the Lord. Fraud and corruption no longer peep timidly forth from lurking-places, but show their unsightly visage boldly, in high places, amid halls of legislation, in centres of trust and responsibility, and in courts of justice. And what wonder that in subordinate positions, and through the various ramifications of business-life and work-day activity, the fatal example should be followed, and the demoralization go forward on a terrific scale!

Intemperance continues to number its wretched victims by scores of thousands, while the subtle poison of its enticements is diffusing itself through the veins and arteries of society, while the manifold evils that march in its train—improvidence, sensuality, discord, thefts, murders, suicides, and crimes of every name—defile, and ruin, and spread desolation everywhere. Loose moral and religious principles—sentiments we should more properly call them—concerning God and his revealed Word, and man's position and responsibilities, are sadly prevalent too, striving to substitute a wretched humanitarianism for Christ and his Cross, and man's shifting and capricious notions of right for the great unalterable standards set up by Him who is the same to-day, yesterday, and forever.

These and such like deadly influences insinuate themselves into the Church, to ensnare and destroy, if it were possible, God's very elect. They bear fruit after their kind, begetting, where they can, distrust of the divine sanction of Christian ordinances, a lurking skepticism in regard to the obligation of Christian principles, human policies to strengthen and expand the Church and advance Christ's cause, in preference to the patient, prayerful use of the simple but sublime means which God *has ordained* for saving souls, and the belief that external conformity *to certain self*-devised and self-expounded laws may fitly explode the

everlasting rule and way of life—"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

In view of this wide-spread and desperate depravity, this rampant preponderance of vice and immorality on every side, how small seems the impression that the Church has produced during all the centuries of her existence! How little the comparative result of the many thousands which the Great Revival has gathered into her communion! The work of Christianizing even Christian lands seems but just begun. If the triumph of truth, if the victory over principalities, and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places, lay with man, the prospect must appal the boldest heart, and we must give over the unequal contest in despair. But the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. The rock on which the Church rests is not like that which supports those who fight against God. The strength of the Church, blood-bought and Christ-defended, is in her weakness, so far as human might and wisdom are concerned. She has promises great and precious to cheer her. The militant host has a Captain of Salvation to lead it on, whose wisdom is unfailing, whose resources are exhaustless, whose plans are infinite, whose purposes of mercy towards a revolted race neither man nor hell can overturn; whose right hand can dash nations, like a potter's vessel, in pieces; and whose pledge has been given to a world redeemed, that he will ride forth in the chariot of his Gospel, conquering and to conquer, till his foes shall have become his footstool, and the kingdoms of this world shall have become his own ransomed and glorious kingdom forever.

Our hope, then, cannot flag. Our faith has just this foundation to rest upon—Christ in the Church, Christ over the Church, Christ never absent from the Church, prescribing and furnishing her resources, pouring fresh life into her veins, prompting her counsels, directing her energies, imbuing her with faith, courage, endurance, self-denial, bidding her fear nothing, but go forward to reap the great conquests which surely await her. In these words, "go forward," leaning confidingly on the arm of the Beloved, lies the whole duty of every church and every member of our communion. Let every one, minister and member, do all he can, in the toils and example of an unswerving devotion to the Master's cause, and the end of labor will be an endless rest of the people of God.

Among the sins and evils already specified as making up the body of social and national immorality, the evil of intemperance has been singled out and made the subject of a special reference to your Committee, on the ground that the increasing ravages of this evil demand active interposition on the part of all the friends of morality and religion. Reference is also made to this evil in the close of the Synodical Report of the Particular Synod of New York, setting forth that intemperance is on the increase, and that young men are found oftener than formerly in haunts where the force of this temptation is apt to be most *deadly*. That the evils of intemperance are huge and threatening is *undeniable*, and equally so that the servants of Christ, and friends of *good* order and morality, should labor and pray for their abatement.

and removal. But while no difference of opinion exists in regard to the character and dimensions of the evil, there is a difference in regard to the best mode of bringing Church action to bear upon it. The Gospel contains the great remedy for this, as for all other moral diseases; and where it is applied in all the fullness of its potent adaptations, temperance, and purity, and peace will be apt to stand forth to attest its reformatory power. Your Committee, without attempting to prescribe any specific plan of operations for the practice of the churches touching this evil, would recommend our ministers and elders, each in his own sphere, and with such ability as all may be able to exert, to bring the power of the Gospel to bear against this giant evil, and with an earnestness proportioned to its magnitude and the tenacious hold it has taken on the community.

A reference, also from the Classis of New York, has been placed in the hands of your Committee, suggesting to the Synod the propriety of so altering the Synod's statistical tables as to omit, because unnecessary, the columns entitled "Total of Congregation," "No. of Members in Communion per last Report," "No. of Sabbath-Schools," and "Total No. of Scholars." Your Committee regard the alteration as one that is fit to be made, and recommend it accordingly.

Nature and time hold on their course, while death is ever thinning the ranks of the living, to swell the "innumerable caravan" of the dead.

In the necrology of our ministry for the year, are the names of the Rev. Drs. William C. Brownlee, Maurice W. Dwight, James Romeyn, Philip M. Brett, the Rev. William Youngblood, the Rev. Israel Hammond, and, since the Classical Reports were presented, the Rev. Aaron A. Marselus. Among these are some of the brightest and most honored names in our Church's annals—names of men eminent for learning, for pulpit power, for pastoral fidelity, and beloved for unaffected piety, personal excellence, and untiring devotion to the work of winning souls. Having finished their course, and kept the faith which they gloried to proclaim, they are sleeping the sleep of the good Lord's beloved. Their works follow them; their patient endurance in well-doing, their trust, and hope, and fidelity, speak to us, and bid us be faithful unto death, that no man may lose the promised crown. Let us heed their counsels, follow them as they followed Christ, and be ready, when the summons comes, to lay aside the harness, and go up to join the triumphant songs of the general assembly and church of the first-born in heaven.

Respectfully submitted.

C. VAN SANTVOORD, *Chairman.*

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
New York	T. De Witt T. E. Vermilye T. W. Chambers	450	2700	1074	55	44	21	..	13	1139	32	7	....	130	5	1067	634	$15,000 00	... .	116 Ninth St., N. Y. 20 East 37th St., " 70 West 36th St., "
Broome Street	P. Stryker	250	1250	280	24	98	21	..	7	374	25	5	312	28	3	563	414	2,967 66	$ 3,950 00	
Central Ninth Street	.....	....	...	....	...	...	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Greenwich	T. C. Strong	275	1375	275	20	48	9	..	6	328	21	5	276	76	1	336	226	1,047 08	10,000 00	68 Hammond St., "
Seventh Avenue	.....	....	...	....	8	...	..	..	..	50	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Twenty-First Street	G. W. Bethune A. R. Van Nest, Jr.	153	900	222	15	36	19	..	4	250	9	4	175	27	1	205	131	1,061 96	5,447 30	159 West 23d St., "
North West	H. D. Ganse	190	950	238	11	39	10	..	1	277	9	1	125	50	2	300	250	2,375 56	19,500 00	256 West 22d St., "
German Evan. Mission	J. C. Guldin	165	950	687	56	8	13	..	3	735	57	..	100	....	2	375	340	675 00	.....	122 Rivington St., "
Mt. Pleasant, 50th Street	C. M. Jameson	55	275	107	7	1	2	..	..	115	3	..	20	50	1	165	120	150 00	900 00	50th St. bet. 1st & 2d Av.
Bloomingdale	E. Van Aken	100	500	63	3	...	4	..	1	60	5	..	100	....	1	150	....	.....	.....	20 West 28th St., N. Y.
Harlem	J. S. Lord	170	840	258	4	21	2	..	4	277	6	1	150	100	2	321	200	1,000 00	1,870 00	122d St. and 3d Av., "
Washington Heights	C. Whitehead	30	150	42	2	6	6	..	..	44	9	..	20	20	1	40	30	15 00	500 00	
Harlem Ger. Ref. Church	P. Buri	5	25	....	...	...	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Mott Haven	W. T Enyard	65	325	48	6	7	1	..	..	60	6	..	50	45	1	120	70	100 00	1,500 00	
3d German Reformed	H A. Friedel	60	190	101	25	..	..	..	..	126	14	..	24	10	1	160	....	126 00	300 00	18 Renwick St., "
Staten Island	J. Brownlee	160	800	273	14	6	2	..	4	287	28	2	...	45	4	480	420	620 00	2,000 00	
Richmond	E. N. White	57	325	76	2	1	2	..	..	77	10	..	100	25	4	300	200	250 00	325 00	Richmond, S. I.
Huguenots	T. B. Gregory	23	115	27	...	1	5	..	..	23	1	..	39	4	1	105	53	10 00	90 00	Rossville, S. I.
4th German Reformed	J. H. Oerter	40	150	44	20	10	2	..	..	67	18	..	5	5	..	....	....	46 00	200 00	
	Total	2248	11820	3915	272	326	119	..	39	3289	251	24	1499	595	32	4712	3088	$22,458 28	$46,582 30	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Drs. N. J. Marselus, (S. C.,) John Forsyth, and P. Van Pelt; Rev. Messrs. A. N. Kittle, J. Mulligan, H. Bielfield, F. Zastera, U. Marvin, H. B. Stryker; Rev. Dr. J. B. Hardenberg, laboring at the corner of Madison and Gouverneur Sts.; Rev. T. R. G. Peek, at the Huguenot Church, Charleston, S. C.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Stapleton	Thos. H. Skinner, Jr.	....	....	244	2	15	5	..	..	256	19	1	200	....	1	250	190	.....	.....	Stapleton, S. I.
Tompkinsville	Vacant	70	300	190	...	2	8	..	2	182	7	..	130	70	..	247	....	$ 465 00	.....	Tompkinsville, S. I.
South Dutch	Jno. M. Macauley	120	700	201	6	1	2	..	3	203	5	2	50	30	..	....	100	3,600 00	$11,350 00	New York City.
Market Street	Vacant	170	900	612	12	11	40	..	6	588	18	3	200	30	2	400	....	2,600 00	4,150 00	" "
Washington Square	M. S. Hutton	170	900	413	24	14	18	..	2	431	12	6	400	66	3	400	360	3,159 51	7,142 84	" "
Manhattan	E. Wiggins	68	230	112	1	11	5	..	..	117	13	..	60	100	1	150	100	.....	1,200 00	" "
Bushwick	S. H. Meeker, (~.C.)	70	300	167	8	6	2	..	5	174	28	2	25	20	1	150	120	270 00	1,250 00	Brooklyn, E. D.
Courtlandtown	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Peekskill	C. D. Buck	55	210	74	4	2	1	1	1	76	3	2	30	35	1	53	42	181 95	1,129 19	Peekskill, N. Y.
Union Ref. Dutch Ch., Sixth Av	J. C. Dutcher	102	400	....	7	15	13	..	3	149	5	1	120	150	1	240	160	.....	.....	New York City.
German Ref. P. Dutch Church	A. Berky	86	....	199	33	7	7	..	5	220	121	..	18	35	1	160	135	94 59	508 74	" "
German Reformed	J. S. Ebaugh	....	...	....	...	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	" "
Ger. R. P. D. Ch., Tompkinsville		....	....	....	...	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	...	.....	.....	
	Total	911	3940	2212	97	84	101	1	27	2396	231	17	1233	536	11	2050	1207	$10,351 54	$10,896 14	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Dr. Mathews, Rev. J. B. Steele, Rev. Chas. Knouse, Rev. Jno. Alburtis, Rev. Joseph McKee, Rev. A. R. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Ferris, Chancellor of the University of New York City, and Rev. R. A. Quin, Chaplain of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, S. I.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.								Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
First New Brunswick	Samuel B. How	....	....	481	10	4	6	..	4	485	18	1	85	....	3	259	....	$1,932 00	$1,450 00	New Brunswick, N. J.
Six Mile Run	Jacob C. Sears	158	925	289	5	4	4	..	4	288	5	2	75	35	7	380	295	777 46	.....	Six Mile Run, "
Hillsborough	John De Witt	160	800	359	10	7	9	..	6	361	11	2	90	....	5	250	....	1,200 00	1,500 00	Millstone, "
Middlebush	J. Addison Van Doren	96	450	209	2	11	14	..	6	202	9	..	50	30	2	200	....	460 48	.....	Middlebush, "
Griggstown	Stephen Searle	70	350	145	2	2	17	..	..	132	8	..	55	70	2	112	85	287 48	.....	Griggstown, "
Second New Brunswick	H. N. Wilson	118	....	223	7	4	11	..	3	220	14	1	30	20	1	....	..	335 73	8,000 00	New Brunswick, "
Boundbrook	H. V. Voorhees	70	314	109	1	9	3	..	..	116	4	..	70	30	1	100	72	329 28	700 00	Boundbrook, "
Third New Brunswick	Julius Hones. (S. S.)	28	....	57	9	3	..	..	..	69	22	..	....	....	1	50	...	93 85	303 00	New Brunswick, "
East Millstone	David Cole, (S. C.)	74	286	64	9	31	7	1	1	95	8	3	26	46	1	72	38	206 83	1,301 47	Millstone, "
Metuchen	J. B. Thompson	54	220	54	9	4	..	..	1	64	1	4	20	6	1	70	50	160 00	5,750 00	Metuchen, "
	Total	828	3345	1990	64	79	71	1	25	2032	100	13	501	237	24	1493	540	$5,783 11	$19,004 47	

Ministers without Charge.—John Proudfit, D.D., J. W. Serenbetz, William J. Thompson, Robert Julien, William H. Steele.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Post Office Address.
Bergen	Benjamin C. Taylor	280	1400	323	5	13	13	..	7	321	27	..	190	14	1	238	200	$ 2,193 00	$ 776 00	Hudson, Hudson Co., N. J.
English Neighborhood	Andrew B. Taylor	86	365	81	4	2	1	..	..	86	2	..	12	50	1	75	....	136 00	.....	English Neighborhood, "
1st Church, Hackensack	Alex. H. Warner, (S. C.)	90	500	128	6	2	4	1	3	128	7	..	80	20	1	110	10	427 00	.....	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
Schraalenbergh	William R. Gordon	162	800	178	22	5	3	..	3	199	13	1	....	60	2	....	....	515 00	.....	Schraalenbergh, " "
Belleville	Peter A Studdiford	173	750	241	1	4	3	..	1	242	...	1	....	49	2	260	200	166 00	1,254 00	Belleville, Essex Co., "
1st Jersey City	David H. Riddle	85	425	110	5	4	4	..	2	113	4	2	120	96	1	120	80	276 00	6,108 00	Jersey City, "
Bergen Neck	Aaron L. Stillwell	75	375	63	3	1	1	..	..	66	4	..	30	25	1	80	65	110 00	800 00	Saltertville, Hudson Co., "
1st Newark	Edward P. Terhune	200	1000	566	24	12	26	..	5	*383	34	5	160	120	2	336	300	1,804 00	6,846 00	Newark, Essex Co., "
Irvington	Alex. McKelvey	62	310	54	4	9	3	..	..	64	7	..	64	40	1	72	55	150 00	638 00	Irvington, " "
New Durham	Wm. V. V. Mabon	120	600	115	6	9	2	..	1	127	10	..	....	150	3	350	250	577 00	1,400 00	New Durham, Hud. Co., "
1st Van Vorst	Paul D. Van Cleef	155	700	249	5	10	12	1	1	250	18	1	120	30	1	295	200	2,045 00	3,542 00	Jersey City, "
2nd Newark	Gustavus Abeel	106	470	170	10	20	10	..	2	188	10	1	60	50	2	290	200	392 00	4,722 00	Newark, Essex Co., "
3d Newark	F. A. Lehlback	120	600	297	31	6	84	..	14	236	383	..	40	40	1	118	90	.....	.....	Newark, " "
Hoboken	Alex. M. Mann	40	200	....	3	1	17	..	..	47	3	..	20	15	1	60	40	157 00	.....	Hoboken, "
3d Jersey City	Corns. L. Wells	80	400	57	10	17	2	..	..	82	5	2	80	140	1	186	140	425 00	19,200 00	Jersey City, "
German, North Bergen	Charles Becker	45	150	58	8	...	...	..	..	66	26	..	8	20	1	70	60	12 00	140 00	New Durham, Hud. Co., "
1st Ch., Hudson City	Vacant	...	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Bergen Point	Vacant	38	190	43	4	3	...	..	2	48	3	2	26	....	1	62	40	170 00	.....	Bergen Point, " "
Franklin	John S. Lott	50	255	46	1	3	1	..	1	48	7	..	91	35	1	91	80	38 00	270 00	Franklin, Essex Co., "
German, Hoboken	Leopold Mohn	60	225	70	18	11	...	..	..	90	57	..	20	36	1	160	120	20 00	1,000 00	Hoboken, "
2d Church, Hackensack	James Demarest, Jr.	70	350	63	9	2	...	..	1	73	3	..	120	60	1	132	90	771 00	1,809 00	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
North Church, Newark	Hasbrouck Du Bois	145	700	103	22	35	...	..	..	160	18	3	....	350	1	...	....	491 00	.....	Newark, Essex Co., "
German, Jersey City	Chas. S. Deoppenschmidt	124	150	60	19	1	10	..	..	55	65	..	6	20	1	120	75	12 00	.....	Jersey City, "
German, Hackensack	Vacant†	34	124	35	7	...	...	..	1	41	11	..	....	...	..	....	....	5 00	484 00	Hackensack, Bergen Co., "
2d Ch., Hudson, N. J.	C. S. Dœppenschmidt	40	36	....	31	5	1	..	..	36	3	..	....	6	1	52	35	.....	.....	Hudson, Hudson Co., "
	Total	2440	11075	3004	258	175	186	2	44	3149	720	18	1247	1417	29	3277	3010	$10,892 00	$48,989 00	

* Correction of former reports upon revision. † Supplied by Rev. Charles Becker.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. John L. Chapman, Teacher; Alex. W. McClure, James M. Bruen, Alvin Ostrom, Missionary to China; Robt. B. Campfield, Sec. Sabbath School Board; Charles Parker, M. Lusk. *Candidates.*—Henry R. Lott and M. B. Riddle.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Clarkstown	Peter J. Quick	100	400	148	4	5	3	..	1	153	12	2	40	....	1	134	105	$ 346 20	.....	Nyack Turnpike, N. Y.
Tappan	Isaac D. Cole	120	500	144	1	..	..	..	4	141	8	1	25	25	2	100	....	202 26	.....	Tappan Town, "
Acquackonck	J. Paschal Strong	210	1100	260	17	4	..	..	4	277	28	2	150	35	2	200	150	1,185 80	$ 2,500 00	Passaic, N. J.
1st Church of Totowa	Philip Peltz, (S. C.)	147	780	190	10	4	10	..	10	184	10	1	180	30	1	273	200	565 33	2,105 00	Paterson, "
2nd Church of Totowa	John H. Duryea	160	750	263	18	7	5	1	4	278	20	4	120	30	3	250	200	380 00	2,550 00	" "
Paramus	E. Tanjore Corwin	195	880	161	9	3	2	..	5	166	6	2	192	25	1	192	113	640 53	1,276 00	Hohokus, "
Pascack	John T. Demarest	70	....	75	...	8	2	..	3	78	2	..	....	....	1	100	70	70 00	2,300 00	Pascack, "
Saddle River	John Manley	77	275	106	5	1	..	..	1	111	7	..	15	....	1	50	....	85 00	.....	Monsey, N. Y.
Ramapo	Wm. Demarest	52	239	55	2	2	..	..	4	55	7	..	50	40	2	50	....	24 28	.....	Suffern, "
West New Hempstead	Peter Allen	65	254	95	2	..	1	..	1	95	4	..	16	16	1	....	....	120 71	.....	Spring Valley, N. Y.
Warwick	Ferdinand H. Vanderveer	80	....	91	...	3	2	..	..	92	2	..	....	....	1	45	....	344 00	.....	Warwick, "
Nyack	Vacant	133	525	194	9	6	1	..	..	208	4	4	150	50	2	200	175	215 31	1,210 84	Nyack, "
Piermont	Henry E. Decker,*	80	400	92	1	..	..	..	1	92	4	..	40	30	1	70	50	150 00	.....	Piermont, "
Holland Church of Paterson	No report	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Holland Church of Lodi†	James Huyssoon	75	297	....	20	30	..	..	..	50	‡40	..	18	....	..	....	....	25 85	.....	Paterson, N. J.
	Total	1564	6400	1871	98	73	23	1	38	1980	154	16	996	281	19	1664	1063	$4,355 27	$29,991 93	

* Pastor Elect. † Organized Oct. 4, 1859. ‡ Including many children of from two to eight years.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Wm. R. Bogardus, Paterson, N. J.; Rev. A. D. L. Jewett, (dismissed to Presbyterian Church.)

Candidate.—William G. Haselbarth.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Brooklyn	.....	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Brooklyn, L. I.
Flatbush	Thos. M. Strong	90	450	127	6	2	1	..	2	132	6	1	....	....	2	211	145	$1,215 00	.....	Flatbush, "
New Utrecht	R. O. Currie	88	425	142	1	4	1	..	1	145	9	..	30	....	2	178	135	.....	.....	New Utrecht, L. I.
Flatlands	J. T. M Davie	73	338	112	3	1	1	..	3	109	4	1	45	16	2	150	125	246 00	.....	Flatlands, "
Grave-end	M. G. Hansen	90	370	104	2	1	1	..	..	106	7	..	95	25	2	74	65	204 00	$ 1,401 00	Gravesend, "
New Lots	J. M. Van Buren	66	300	97	1	3	....	..	3	98	5	..	40	30	1	60	40	193 00	.....	East New York, "
East New York	A. F. Munn	60	350	95	2	4	9	..	..	93	12	..	40	....	1	150	110	407 00	2,380 00	" " "
South Brooklyn	J H. Manning	40	175	38	1	....	....	..	..	39	4	..	40	25	1	60	50	75 00	1,380 00	Brooklyn, "
Middle Brooklyn	N. E. Smith	228	1150	428	31	23	13	..	7	462	19	5	....	....	1	380	250	.....	.....	" "
North Gowanus	N. P. Pierce	80	400	110	1	7	6	..	1	111	9	..	....	20	1	180	120	.....	.....	" "
North Brooklyn	A. Elmendorf	195	950	307	20	14	19	..	4	318	22	3	234	80	1	370	279	1,150 00	4,243 00	" "
Church on the Heights	James Eells	155	1000	468	5	8	*94	..	6	381	10	1	175	298	3	445	305	4,597 00	6,100 00	" "
New Brooklyn	C. Dickhaut	20	150	41	2	....	....	2	..	43	30	..	27	27	1	45	30	.....	.....	East Brooklyn, "
East Brooklyn	J. West, (S. C.)	53	276	106	3	7	....	..	3	113	2	1	107	99	1	188	126	383 00	1,620 00	Brooklyn, "
Bergen Hill	Chas. W. Baird	....	150	....	3	46	....	..	..	49	1	1	....	....	1	100	....	.....	.....	" "
	Total	1229	6484	2175	81	120	145	2	30	2199	140	13	833	620	20	2597	1780	$8,470 00	$17,124 00	

* A part to form the new church on Bergen Hill.

Ministers without Charge.—R. D. Van Kleck, B. R. Hall, D.D., F. M. Schneeweiss, A. J. Labagh, Daniel Rapeije, Missionary in China.

Candidate.—Robert G. Strong, Flatbush, L. I.

NORTH CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Jamaica	J. B. Alliger	148	800	....	7	6	2	..	4	210	6	..	....	60	2	....	....	$ 335 00	$ 5,000 00	Jamaica, L. I.
Newtown	Wm. Anderson	160	800	172	6	1	2	1	2	174	13	1	130	25	3	250	150	890 00	.....	Newtown, "
Oyster Bay	John C. Lowe	75	550	115	1	..	....	..	2	114	5	1	....	30	1	30	....	85 53	.....	Cedar Swamp, L. I.
North Hempstead	Ira C. Boice	70	350	52	4	2	..	..	1	57	..	..	....	....	2	70	60	42 48	800 00	Manhasset, "
Williamsburgh	E. S. Porter	220	975	322	21	20	5	..	3	355	20	4	....	....	3	784	550	1,828 36	4,418 87	Williamsburgh, "
Astoria	Wm. H. Ten Eyck	60	300	85	2	..	3	..	1	83	3	..	50	10	1	94	66	1,018 23	1,783 17	Astoria, "
Green Point	Goyn Talmage	110	550	104	5	8	3	2	3	109	1	2	80	200	1	325	175	210 93	2,250 00	Green Point, "
Flushing	Wm. W. Halloway	86	430	76	5	11	1	..	1	90	6	1	45	....	1	88	50	285 00	2,025 00	Flushing, "
South Bushwick	Vacant	40	200	66	..	3	6	..	1	62	..	..	..	....	1	116	63	61 22	.....	Williamsburgh, "
Lee Avenue	John McC. Holmes, (S. C.)	125	625	235	12	26	100*	..	2	130	8	3	500	500	1	1800	1100	1,500 00	3,000 00	" "
East Williamsburgh	J. Lansing Pearse	60	300	59	4	3	3	..	..	63	11	1	3[illegible]	40	1	128	85	242 00	1,215 00	Maspeth, "
2d Church, Newtown, (Ger.)	Conrad Dickhaut, (S. S.)	26	80	68	10	..	....		..	78	1[illegible]	..	....	.	..	....	....	.....	.....	Newtown, "
Queens	John W. Hammond	65	400	35	10	7	1	..	1	50	6	3	40	1[illegible]	1	125	80	.....	6,500 00	Queens, "
Woodhaven	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	.....	.....	Woodhaven, "
North Sixth Street Mission	John S. Himrod, (S. S.)	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..		.	..	..	....	.....	.....	Williamsburgh, "
	Total	1245	6360	1389	87	87	126	3	21	1575	95	16	87[illegible]	880	18	3810	2379	$6,498 75	$26,992 04	

* Ninety to form a new enterprise.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. R. Atwater, J. Demarest, John Gray, *Emeritus*, J. Wynkoop, P. S. Williamson.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
1st Church Poughkeepsie.	G. M. McEckron	180	900	285	10	5	7	..	8	288	4	5	...	75	1	240	185	$1,278 65	.....	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
2d " "	C. S. Hageman, (S. C.)	105	456	155	6	17	12	..	2	164	4	..	25	50	1	160	120	745 96	.....	" "
Fishkill	Francis M. Kip	85	....	199	2	5	3	..	7	195	4	1	96	32	1	118	73	770 09	.....	Fishkill, "
Hopewell	Oliver E. Cobb	95	475	238	17	4	3	1	3	252	14	10	40	60	2	115	90	676 38	.....	Adriance, "
Rhinebeck	H. R. Timlow	...	..	....	5	..	..	..	1	249	3	..	....	....	..	....	....	660 94	$5,200 00	Rhinebeck, "
New Hackensack	Cornelius Van Cleef	120	650	246	8	5	7	1	4	247	1	6	...	....	4	210	175	328 90	.....	New Hackensack, "
Fishkill Landing	John H. Suydam	106	450	138	2	4	1	..	2	143	2	..	75	45	1	132	95	415 86	.....	Fishkill Landing, "
Greenbush	Herman Vedder	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	..	.	....	.....	.....	Pine Plains, "
Hyde Park	Henry Dater	85	400	160	8	6	11	..	3	160	7	2	....	....	3	65	....	97 54	.....	Hyde Park, "
Glenham	.....	34	140	75	1	..	9	..	2	65	2	1	35	25	1	55	40	44 00	.....	Glenham, N.Y.
Cold Spring	.....	....	....	....	3	..	..	..	..	....	2	1	....	....	.	....	....	.....	.....	Cold Spring, Putnam Co., "
	Total	810	3471	1496	62	46	63	2	32	1763	43	30	271	287	14	1095	778	$5,018 32	$5,200 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Samuel Van Vechten, William A. Miller, William A. Cornell.

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Confession.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Harlingen	J. Gardner	160	800	220	14	7	6	1	3	231	8	4	40	30	6	250	200	$ 416 00	$ 1,000 00	Harlingen, N. J.
Readington	J. Van Liew	180	800	210	19	6	6	..	7	222	14	3	50	....	4	200	....	280 00	1,000 00	Readington, "
Neshanic	G. Ludlow	180	900	197	5	11	3	..	2	208	12	1	90	80	5	187	....	338 00	.....	Neshanic, "
1st Church, Philadelphia	A. A. Willets	200	1000	388	19	11	10	..	4	404	13	7	275	35	3	550	350	1,100 00	5,000 00	Philadelphia, Pa.
1st " "	J. F. Berg	150	....	....	10	3	5	..	4	280	9	..	....	....	3	600	....	750 00	3,500 00	" "
2d " "	W. J. R. Taylor	120	600	208	10	2	3	..	5	212	4	4	140	170	2	200	160	1,800 00	6,450 00	" "
3d "	A. O. Halsey	180	900	....	5	..	7	..	4	324	13	1	...	70	8	400	....	281 00	1,374 00	Richboro', Bucks Co., Pa.
N. and S. Hampton	T. B. Romeyn, (S. C.)	100	....	124	6	3	2	..	1	130	10	3	50	50	6	....	....	600 00	.....	Blawenburgh, N. J.
Blawenburgh	H. Doolittle	89	445	176	3	2	2	2	2	175	8	2	74	16	3	130	....	123 29	.....	Stanton, "
Stanton	W. Fulton	65	200	132	16	6	11	..	2	140	5	1	12	30	1	150	....	25 00	800 00	Manayunk, Pa.
Manayunk	M. L. Schenck	60	320	60	....	7	6	..	..	61	2	..	18	40	..	85	....	210 00	1,200 00	Rocky Hill, N. J.
Rocky Hill																				
	Total	1484	5965	2315	107	58	61	3	34	2387	98	26	749	521	41	2752	710	$5,923 29	$20,324 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. C. P. Wack, Rev. John Talmage, Missionary in China.

CLASSIS OF PASSAIC.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Miss. Station, Boardville	James E. Bernart, Miss'y.	40	215	....	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	30	....	2	78	66	$ 50 00	.....	Pompton, N. J.
Fairfield	Joseph Wilson	90	450	186	...	..	1	..	..	185	11	..	16	11	2	100	90	58 00	.....	Little Falls, "
Little Falls	John C. Crolkshank	60	300	85	3	2	3	..	1	86	14	..	20	20	1	90	70	.....	.....	" "
Montville	Nathaniel Conklin	147	740	194	6	..	3	..	4	193	7	1	68	20	4	155	130	98 94	.....	Montville, "
Pompton Plains	J. Ferguson Harris	173	865	210	6	2	6	1	5	206	8	1	70	80	4	250	140	176 38	.....	Pompton Plains, N. J.
Pompton	John Gaston	125	650	156	12	7	2	..	1	172	17	1	60	75	4	185	135	381 00	$250 00	Pompton, "
Ponds	B. V. Collins	78	390	55	8	..	3	..	4	56	7	..	40	80	3	130	100	11 21	.....	" "
Preakness	John A. Staats, (S. C.)	80	400	64	1	2	..	..	1	66	3	..	110	34	1	110	65	145 00	.....	Paterson, "
Stone House Plains	P. S. Talmage	90	450	94	1	2	3	1	2	91	17	..	100	25	2	120	....	80 00	.....	Bloomfield, "
Wyckoff	Abram G. Ryerson	100	510	119	1	1	3	..	1	117	11	..	50	40	3	102	85	121 50	.....	Wyckoff, Bergen County, N. J.
	Total	983	4970	1263	38	16	24	2	19	1172	95	3	564	385	26	1320	881	$1,122 03	$250 00	

CLASSIS OF HUDSON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Hudson	D. D. Demarest, (S. C.)	140	650	186	3	13	2	..	3	197	8	..	90	30	1	220	150	$830 77	$2,800 00	Hudson, N. Y.
1st Church of Claverack	Acmon P. Van Gieson	200	1000	308	2	4	..	..	4		1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Claverack, "
2d " "	John H. Pitcher	100	450	104	1	5	1	..	3	106	3	..	....	20	4	120	....	114 00	1,147 00	Mellenville, N. Y.
Linlithgow	Charles J. Shepard	162	900	221	12	2	4	1	1	230	7	..	50	30	5	220	170	80 00	2,390 00	Livingston, "
Upper Red Hook	John G. Johnson	71	200	82	5	2	3	..	1	85	3	1	...	....	1	50	....	.....	1,000 00	Upper Red Hook, N. Y.
Germantown	Abraham H. Meyers	70	350	136	4	..	1	1	2	136	6	2	18	20	2	61	47	69 38	530 00	Germantown, "
Greenport	Horace W. Finch	85	425	102	...	..	..	..	2	100	..	..	...	....	1	75	50	20 00	750 00	Hudson, "
Taghkanic	William Lyall	80	400	102	...	..	..	..	1	101	4	..	....	...	3	....	....	35 00	.....	Copake, "
	Total	908	4375	1241	27	26	11	2	17	955	34	3	158	100	17	746	417	$1,149 15	$8,617 00	

CLASSIS OF WESTCHESTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
1st Tarrytown	Abel T. Stewart	75	...	171	2	3	14	1	7	160	8	..	50	52	1	120	82	$ 343 00	$2,687 00	Tarrytown, Westchester Co., N. Y.
2nd Tarrytown	John A. Todd	96	480	188	5	5	8	..	3	187	1	2	....	85	1	130	90	1,005 18	2,020 21	" " " "
Unionville	Wm. S. Moore, (S. C.)	40	180	92	2	..	..	..	2	92	1	..	20	18	1	50	32	92 75	700 00	Neperan, " " "
Greenburgh	Wm. S. Moore	42	200	22	6	..	..	..	..	28	..	1	10	15	1	53	30	51 04	800 00	" " " "
Greenville	C. R. V. Romondt	40	....	59	4	..	3	..	3	59	1	1	20	10	1	35	25	30 00	400 00	Scarsdale, " " "
Yonkers	V. M. Hulbert	100	500	125	12	3	11	..	4	125	10	..	50	50	1	125	90	320 85	4,481 45	Yonkers, " " "
Hastings	D. McL. Quackenbush	41	200	71	3	3	4	..	1	72	3	..	....	26	1	70	45	281 39	2,455 92	Hastings-upon-Hudson, "
Fordham	James Bolton	40	200	50	4	5	3	1	..	55	4	..	35	40	1	70	55	67 00	1,000 00	Fordham, Westchester Co., N. Y.
Mount Vernon	Isaac M. See	38	....	76	6	3	7	..	2	76	7	1	92	44	1	92	52	165 00	.....	Mount Vernon, " " "
West Farms	Polhemus Van Wyck	65	300	85	2	4	..	..	1	90	7	1	....	....	1	150	100	100 00	900 00	West Farms, " " "
Bronxville	Washington Roosevelt	50	150	57	...	3	..	..	1	59	..	..	30	20	1	40	30	100 00	.....	Pelham, " " "
Melrose, (German)	Ernst Schroepfer	40	120	41	3	..	..	2	1	41	15	..	17	17	1	70	45	4 00	286 00	Morrisania, " " "
New Rochelle "	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	667	2330	1036	49	29	50	4	25	1044	57	6	324	377	12	1005	686	$2,560 21	$15,730 58	

Ministers without Charge.—A. A. Marcellus, B. Van Keuren.

Candidate.—Alexander Watson, Sing Sing, N. Y.

CLASSIS OF MONMOUTH.

Census.		Communicants.							Bap.	C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions	
Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd						Baptisms.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
			Rec'd on Confession.	Rec'd on Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.								

CLASSIS OF ARCOT—SOUTHERN INDIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
																		R. A. P.		
Ref. Dutch Ch. in Vellore.	Rev. H. M. Scudder, absent.	40	159	34	...	5	5	1	..	33	3	..	13	120	..	....	....	218..0..0	.....	
" " Chittoor	" W. W. Scudder.....	51	190	51	...	6	..	1	..	56	6	1	36	150	..	....	....	270..0..0	.....	
" " Arnee	Without a Pastor.....	12	52	13	2	..	4	..	..	11	2	..	12	50	..	....	....	191..4..8	.....	
" " Rahnepettah	Rev. Andrew Sayer	11	45	9	...	3	..	2	..	10	..	..	10	31	..	....	....	10.10..2	.....	
" " Coonoor	" Joseph Scudder.	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
"	Total.....	114	446	107	2	14	9	4	..	110	11	1	71	351	..	....	....	589..4.10	.....	

REMARKS.—The sums under the head of Contributions for Religious and Benevolent Purposes include both what the Missionaries and Native Christians have given. Some of our Churches have contributed largely, according to their means; the Chittoor Church having given during the past year, for different purposes, a sum not less than 80 or 90 Rupees, while the Church at Coonoor has contributed still more. All our congregations are detained and catechised after the close of the morning service, or immediately preceding the afternoon service, which takes the place of Sabbath-schools.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. E. C. Scudder, Rev. J. Mayou. The Rev. E. C. Scudder had charge of the Chittoor Church till May, since which time he has resided [illegible]manair, where a church is soon to be organized. The Rev. J. Mayou is residing at Arnee.

CLASSIS OF RARITAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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First Raritan	Abraham Messler	187	1025	466	3	9	10	..	1	467	10	1	50	....	4	250	....	.....	.....	Somerville, N. J.
Bedminster	William Brush	140	700	248	6	8	4	..	3	254	10	..	50	....	5	275	....	$ 440 00	.....	Pluckamin, "
White House	Smith Sturges	157	800	113	12	4	..	..	2	127	8	1	65	4	5	150	125	.....	$1,050 00	White House, "
Lebanon	Robert Van Amburg	175	800	171	14	1	..	..	2	186	20	..	30	....	2	80	....	100 00	.....	Lebanon, "
North Branch	Philip M. Doolittle	99	468	115	4	6	6	..	4	115	11	1	45	30	1	70	55	.....	.....	North Branch, N. J.
Second Raritan	John F. Mesick, (S. C.)	150	700	314	6	12	15	2	5	310	8	1	125	.. .	4	200	175	507 86	1,100 00	Somerville, "
Pea Pack	Henry P. Thompson	95	425	131	14	3	10	..	3	135	9	2	35	80	1	85	70	135 00	700 00	Pea Pack, "
Branchville	William Pitcher	100	500	139	...	4	12	..	2	129	3	..	50	15	1	90	70	234 36	.....	Raritan, "
Third Raritan	James Le Fevre	125	600	204	9	15	13	..	6	209	22	1	90	100	1	160	....	454 53	300 00	" "
Easton	Cornelius H. Edgar	42	....	64	...	4	3	..	..	65	4	..	30	15	1	....	50	53 00	.....	Easton, Pa.
Warren	Jacob F. Neef, (S. S.)	43	150	51	10	4	1	..	1	63	12	..	27	27	1	63	56	6 00	50 00	Plainfield, N. J.
Plainfield	Jacob F. Neef, (S. S.)	27	108	53	11	3	7	2	1	59	18	..	6	6	1	25	25	18 00	750 00	" "
	Total	1340	6276	2069	89	73	81	4	30	2119	135	7	603	277	27	1448	626	$1,948 75	$3,950 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Alexander McClelland, D.D., John Van Der Veer, D.D., Rev. J. A. H. Cornell, *Cor. Sec. Board of Education.*

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Church of Albany	E. K. Rogers	250	1200	487	29	34	7	..	4	539	15	7	....	50	1	300	230	$5,206 33	$10,000 00	Albany.
2d do. do.	I. N. Wyckoff, (S. C.)	206	1115	570	12	10	35	..	13	544	16	5	216	39	1	334	186	2,050 48	4,748 00	do.
3d do. do.	Vacant	60	300	....	5	2	42	..	1	150	..	6	....	18	1	315	180	567 91	1,700 00	do.
Dudley Church, Albany	A. Dickson	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do.
Bethlehem	J. Simonson	180	900	277	45	4	2	..	11	313	7	4	60	80	4	130	90	294 00	1,470 00	do.
2d do.	do.	115	570	141	1	3	1	1	1	142	4	1	40	35	2	100	85	225 00	2,300 00	do.
Union	J. N. Compton	47	212	47	...	2	1	..	..	48	5	..	19	9	1	46	30	44 00	602 00	Union Church.
Jerusalem		81	365	86	14	..	....	..	..	100	6	..	49	12	1	52	35	51 00	436 00	do.
Coeymans	H. B. Gardner.	80	400	101	4	..	2	..	3	100	7	..	42	35	2	91	65	166 74	.....	Coeymans.
New Baltimore		78	390	89	5	1	1	..	..	94	1	1	43	72	2	135	100	171 02	698 35	New Baltimore.
Salem	A. G. Lansing	106	530	158	5	1	1	.	2	161	7	..	120	51	1	164	92	.....	.....	New Salem.
Clarksville		....	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Westerlo	F. Dyer	....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Berne	Vacant	67	400	77	8	..	3	..	..	82	4	..	....	10	1	30	25	.....	.....	
German Church	H. F. Schnellendruessler	16	76	36	7	..	....	..	40	40	9	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Onisquethaw	S. Van Sanford	50	300	63	13	..	2	..	1	70	6	2	40	40	1	100	74	144 55	153 55	Albany
Holland Church		....	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—J. Van Vechten, J. R. Pepper.

† Supplied by the Rev. T. G. Cordell. * Supposed to be an error. * No report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Beneveolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Blue Mountain	C. Blauvelt	90	400	63	25	4	..	..	4	88	11	..	45	28	1	82	65	$ 52 28	$ 432 79	Saugerties.
Cnatsban	H. Ostrander	....	600	153	...	1	2	..	8	143	6	..	....	....	2	...	....	236 00	.....	do.
Esopus	J. McFarlane	195	950	204	5	1	1	..	1	208	6	..	70	30	2	90	70	189 69	.....	Amesville.
Flatbush	J. Minor	120	....	...	4	3	4	..	4	....	4	..	40	45	3	75	....	83 00	700 00	Glasco.
Kingston	J. C. F. Hoes	200	1000	438	4	12	..	..	..	*383	11	1	75	35	2	250	147	1,031 39	.....	Kingston.
North Esopus	C. L. Van Dyck	90	450	117	2	2	2	..	2	119	10	1	75	40	1	193	91	112 32	1,070 69	Port Ewen.
Platteklill	N. F. Chapman, (S. C.)	175	1000	245	3	..	..	..	1	247	20	1	45	....	3	100	80	75 00	.....	Glasco.
Saugerties	J. Elmendorf	126	450	168	11	12	3	..	2	186	16	1	25	90	1	154	110	759 71	1,489 99	Saugerties.
Shokan	W. R. S. Betts	60	250	105	1	..	..	..	..	106	9	..	....	....	1	30	....	.....	.....	Shokan.
Shandaken	do.	20	90	35	2	..	..	..	1	36	1	..	....	20	1	....	..	.....	.....	do.
West Hurley	C. Case†	55	250	‡73	...	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	...	.....	.....	West Hurley.
Woodstock	W. L. James	75	300	84	1	1	2	..	1	84	7	..	....	....	..	75	50	.....	.....	Woodstock.

Ministers without Charge.—Abm. Fort, John Gosman, D.D.

* Revised list of Members. † Pastor Elect. ‡ Last year's report.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bloomingrove	L. H. Van Dyck	75	....	59	2	..	1	..	8	52	1	..	27	36	1	44	...	$ 107 88	$ 691 95	Defreestville.
Castleton	E. P. Stimson	100	....	137	1	2	..	..	1	139	10	..	....	....	1	40	....	75 00	2,000 00	Castleton.
Chatham	C. S. Mead	100	....	59	1	10	3	..	1	66	3	..	....	40	2	75	....	80 00	1,627 00	Chatham 4 Corners.
1st Ghent	Wm. W. Letson	60	....	62	1	1	..	..	..	64	..	..	....	....	3	70	....	.....	.....	Ghent.
2d Ghent	J. H. Van Woert	129	....	134	2	1	6	..	3	129	19	..	...	40	1	87	....	510 00	744 59	Hudson.
Greenbush	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Kinderhook	J. R. Berry	200	....	306	5	4	11	..	1	303	9	..	....	90	3	175	....	1.250 00	1,500 00	Kinderhook.
Nassau	R. H. Steele	160	....	255	3	6	3	2	5	254	6	2	....	50	4	200	....	300 00	1,350 00	Nassau.
New Concord	Vacant	50	....	64	...	3	7	..	1	59	2	..	25	15	1	35	....	20 00	608 00	East Chatham.
Schodack	B. F. Snyder	182	...	176	2	3	7	1	7	166	9	..	....	45	4	....	....	305 00	1,150 00	Schodack Landing.
Schodack Landing	.....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Stuyvesant	E. Nevius, (S. C.)	110	....	104	1	2	4	..	1	102	2	..	....	....	2	120	..	186 46	725 00	Stuyvesant.
Stuyvesant Falls	Vacant*	50	....	....	19	20	..	..	1	38	5	..	....	....	1	50	....	....	.....	Stuyvesant Falls.

* Rev. E. D. Bates, Pastor elect. *Minister without Charge.*—Rev. E. Holmes.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Post Office Address.
Auriesville	Vacant																			Auriesville.
Caughnawaga	P. Furbeck	150	800	95	3	5	1	..	4	98	2	..	120	100	1	135	85	$220 00	$1,120 00	Fonda.
Canajoharie	B. F. Romaine	100	500	121	12			..	1	132	7	2			1	126	100	20 00		Canajoharie.
Currytown	J. J. Quick	75		68	7		1	..	6	68	2	1			1			62 27		Root.
Mapletown	J. J. Quick	100		72	11	3	1	..	2	87		2			3			40 04		
Ephrata	Vacant	120	500			2	2	..	2	86		1		10	2	80	50			
Florida	John Clancy	87		136	11	1	7	..		142	10	4	82	56	4	159	116	71 00	1,971 75	Minaville.
Fort Plain	J. G. Hall	90	450	94	4	2	2	..	2	96	2		50	40	1	60	40	100 00	1,340 00	Fort Plain.
Fultonville	R Wells	97	475	35	9	2	2	..		44	5	1	40		1	70	40	57 00	2,350 00	
Fort Herkimer	Vacant																			
Glen	A. H. Van Vranken	100	400	71	53	1	3	..	1	121	4	40		21	1	80	60	145 00	800 00	Glen.
Hagaman's Mills	Vacant	50	200	73	2	1	2	..	4	68	2	1	40		1	70	60	24 90		Hagaman's Mills.
Hendersons	Vacant	50	250	40				..	3	37	1									Mohawk.
Herkimer	Vacant																			
Manheim	P. Weidman	58	198	52			2	..	1	48	9			15	1	23				Manheim Centre.
Mohawk	C. D. Nott.	56	250	39	1	2	1	..		41				20	1	60				Mohawk.
Port Jackson	Vacant	57	228		12	5	1	..		49	2	6		6	1	85	50			Port Jackson.
Stone Arabia	Vacant	100	400	96	10	1	2	..	2	102	4									Palatine Bridge.
St. Johnsville	J. Knieskern, (S. C.)	105	115	145	14	2	2	..	3	154	7	1		20	2	150	125	69 18		St. Johnsville.
Spraker's Basin	E. V. Wales	40	150	13	8	4		..		25	2	5			1	45	35			Spraker's Basin.
Columbia	Vacant																			

Minister without Charge.—Rev. N. Bogardus.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Schoharie	C. E. Crispell	94	450	148	6	...	3	4	5	142	1	3	40	30	2	180	80	$ 288 73	$ 861 73	Schoharie.
Middleburgh	E. Vedder, (S. C.)	78	400	107	1	2	1	..	..	108	2	..	20	86	2	100	75	165 80	706 26	Middleburgh.
Schoharie Mt	do. (S. S.)	50	150	55	2	3	....	..	..	60	1	1	....	25	1	55	45	10 00	337 00	do.
Berne	J. C. Van Liew	60	....	89	1	...	...	..	3	90	1	..	...	...	2	130	100	81 50	428 00	Berne.
Beaver Dam	do.	55	....	68	..	1	....	..	1	70	1	..	10	10	2	75	60	50 75	365 00	do.
Lawyerville	H. A. Raymond	80	350	81	15	1	4	..	5	92	14	2	12	25	1	45	35	77 75	400 00	Lawyerville.
Sharon	do.	90	500	92	1	1	2	..	..	87	3	..	12	20	1	35	....	42 43	400 00	do.
Gilboa	Wm. G. E. See	140	650	206	2	1	4	..	..	205	1	1	....	30	2	200	175	.....	680 00	Gilboa.
N. Blenheim	T. L. Shafer	45	200	46	..	...	....	..	..	46	...	..	....	10	1	60	40	66 00	800 00	North Blenheim.
Eminence	D. S.	19	90	16	..	...	....	..	..	16	...	..	....	....	1	40	....	.....	250 00	do.
Breakabin	S. S.	28	130	39	..	...	3	..	..	37	...	..	....	...	1	60	....	.....	100 00	do.
Gallupville	Vacant	....	...	....	..	...	....	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Gallupville.
Knox	Vacant	....	...	....	..	...	....	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. J. M. Scribner, Wm. A. Benedict, and Elihu Doty, Missionary to China, E. Vedder, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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1st Schenectady	E. E. Seelye	294	1400	411	5	7	6	..	7	416	10	2	....	....	1	244	180	$ 802 58	$2,131 25	Schenectady.
2d do.	Vacant	83	125	....	3	3	1	..	..	78	...	..	....	....	1	30	....	.....	.....	do.
3d do.	W. F. Schwilk	48	230	113	31	..	16	..	1	127	11	..	7	22	1	50	....	49 50	573 26	do.
Amity	R. L. Schoonmaker	84	420	129	2	..	...	..	1	128	4	..	....	....	3	130	...	120 00	11 00	Vischer's Ferry.
Niskauna	J. A. De Baun	100	500	173	...	..	7	..	1	165	3	..	40	30	3	130	100	.....	9 00	Watervliet Centre.
Lishas Kill	do.	61	305	100	1	3	1	..	2	101	1	1	20	40	3	110	70	100 00	500 00	do. do.
1st Glenville	P. H. Burghardt	180	900	241	...	1	4	..	6	232	5	..	100	170	6	271	150	143 00	600 00	Glenville.
2d do.	E. Slingerland	100	500	81	1	..	6	..	1	75	4	..	75	60	6	200	150	38 54	800 00	Schenectady.
1st Rotterdam	C. Jukes	....	....	....	...	..	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	...	..	...	....	.....	.....	Hoffman's Ferry.
2d do.	C. Spaulding	90	300	85	2	1	1	..	2	85	5	..	20	30	2	70	50	69 00	600 00	Schenectady.
Helderburgh	W. P. Davis	250	650	291	3	..	8	2	..	....	25	1	100	50	5	200	186	105 00	1,200 00	Guilderland Centre.
Princetown	D. B. Hall, (S. S.)	80	400	106	...	..	2	..	..	104	7	1	80	100	4	120	100	25 00	375 00	Dunnsville.
Day	Vacant*	....	....	....	...	..	...	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	West Day.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Messrs. D. B. Hall, I. G. Duryee, J. H. Seelye, and Abraham J. Swits, Stated Clerk, Schenectady.

* No report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Post Office Address.
Canastota	John Garretson	55	260	28	2	3	..	..	1	32	5	1	40	30	1	75	55	$ 35 28	$ 545 00	Canastota.
Chittenango	Jas. R. Talmage	114	....	76	..	..	2	..	1	....	..	..	....	....	3	214	130	.....	.....	Chittenango.
Cicero	..... *	28	100	....	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	....	....	1	40	....	.....	.....	Cicero.
Lysander	.....	....	....	31	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Lysander.
Naumberg	Wm. Wolff	41	164	89	9	..	..	4	..	94	1	..	14	26	1	60	60	35 00	168 00	Naumberg.
New Bremen	.....	18	80	49	1	..	..	..	..	50	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	4 26	30 00	"
Owasco	Wilson Ingalls	105	560	128	3	2	3	..	1	129	2	1	....	80	4	95	....	102 98	725 00	Owasco.
Owasco Outlet	.....	†	268	96	..	..	..	..	..	97	..	..	....	....	3	130	100	.....	.....	Auburn.
Syracuse	T. De Witt Talmage	103	515	102	4	9	5	..	1	109	3	2	125	10	1	150	125	388 26	2,000 00	Syracuse.
Thousand Isles	George Rockwell	75	....	21	1	..	..	..	1	21	3	1	10	20	3	125	....	7 58	200 00	Alexandria.
Utica	.....	80	350	....	4	3	4	..	..	131	..	..	....	....	1	200	....	453 72	.....	Utica.
West Leyden	John Boehrer	32	80	52	4	1	4	..	..	53	17	..	....	....	..	....	....	12 12	625 00	West Leyden.

* Report of 1858.

† Last year's Report.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. G. H. Fisher, D.D., W. J. Bradford.

Missionaries to Japan.—Rev. S. R. Brown, G. F. Verbeck.

CLASSIS OF ORANGE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Beres	J. B. Ten Eyck	70	350	71	1	...	1	..	5	66	...	..	...	...	1	50	35	$ 89 50	$ 771 80	St. Andrews.
Bloomingburgh	J. Searle, Jr.	110	550	151	3	4	4	..	3	151	14	1	80	60	1	120	100	163 33	...	Bloomingburgh.
Buckbrook	Vacant	20	100	34	3	...	...	..	1	36	10	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	North Branch.
Milesville	do.	30	150	31	7	...	...	2	1	35	15	..	...	...	1	25	25	...	...	Fremont.
Cuddebackville	H. Morris.	50	200	31	2	...	2	..	1	30	2	2	12	...	1	70	50	29 00	...	Cuddebackville.
Deerpark	S. W. Mills	100	500	101	7	1	1	..	2	106	5	4	...	30	2	181	138	378 37	1,816 52	Port Jervis.
Ellenville 1st	E. W. Bentley	123	500	153	1	3	5	..	3	149	4	1	...	20	1	200	150	308 50	3,845 26	Ellenville.
Ellenville 2d	J. P. Pfister	15	78	...	2	...	...	..	1	47	6	..	7	11	1	36	30	14 44	...	Ellenville.
Fallsburgh	J. Searle	100	515	184	2	...	2	1	2	181	3	1	40	30	2	120	86	350 85	...	Woodbourne.
Grahamville	D. A. Jones	40	160	67	4	3	...	..	1	73	1	2	15	...	1	35	25	77 80	510 92	Grahamville.
Upper Neversink	do.	26	120	14	3	1	2	..	..	16	4	2	19	14	1	57	30	27 30	275 50	Claryville.
Jeffersonville	T. W. A. Reidel, (P. E.)	25	100	52	10	...	11	..	1	50	24	..	6	15	1	40	35	...	90 00	Jeffersonville.
Thumansville	do.	25	125	45	18	...	...	3	1	60	34	..	8	...	1	35	30	...	150 00	Callicoon.
Mamakating	J. Dubois	87	390	...	...	3	2	..	1	89	4	..	55	...	3	100	75	59 41	1,430 00	Wurtsborough.
Middleport	N. W. Jones	100	500	65	4	2	1	..	..	70	9	2	...	10	1	40	25	...	...	Kerhonkson.
Minisink	C. Gates, (P. E.)	30	150	...	2	...	...	..	..	46	...	1	...	...	2	50	40	8 00	...	Montague, N. J.
Montgomery	A. B. Van Zandt, (P. E.)	175	1,000	295	9	4	12	..	1	295	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	Montgomery.
Newburgh	G. H Mandeville	80	425	161	5	17	14	..	1	168	6	..	90	80	1	150	125	556 22	2,021 00	Newburgh.
New Hurley	L. L. Comfort	175	900	133	9	...	7	..	4	131	12	..	140	60	6	225	175	234 79	1,384 56	New Hurley.
New Prospect	W. Hamilton	125	600	162	20	3	1	..	2	182	14	2	50	85	6	221	155	175 00	964 00	Ulsterville.
Shawangunk	C. Scott, (S. C.)	215	1,050	278	11	11	11	1	7	278	22	1	100	125	4	180	150	330 00	1,025 00	Bruynswick.
Walden	M. V. Schoonmaker	95	500	174	13	3	3	1	5	179	9	3	100	80	2	125	90	300 00	850 00	Walden.
Walpack	Vacant	120	526	209	6	1	1	..	4	212	11	2	...	...	3	160	140	...	750 00	Delaware, Pa.
Wawarsing	N. D. Williamson	140	700	150	3	3	3	..	2	149	6	1	50	60	4	160	112	120 00	800 00	Napanoch.

Ministers without Charge.—J. Boyd, W. S. Heyer, Newburgh; N. M. McLaren, Brooklyn; R. Pitts, Delaware, Pa. *Licentiate.*—Josiah Jansen, Napanoch.

CLASSIS OF GREENE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		Post Office Address.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
1st Ch. of Athens	Vacant	70	300	102	1	1	2	..	1	101	...	..	....	....	1	60	40	$ 278 00	$ 1,446 12	Athens.
2d Ch. of Athens	Vacant	30	150	46	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	do.
Catskill	J. A. Lansing*	218	1090	388	8	2	6	..	8	385	1	1	....	50	6	352	272	94 00	1,132 76	Catskill.
1st Ch. of Coxsackie	S. P. M. Hastings	187	900	344	4	9	33	..	8	312	3	3	....	25	3	100	75	85 18	1,200 00	Coxsackie.
2d Ch. do.	F. N. Zabriskie	115	600	125	3	1	4	1	3	129	6	2	75	70	1	10	80	410 00	1,713 81	do.
Kiskatom	Vacant	65	270	140	...	1	7	..	2	132	7	..	25	30	3	75	60	74 00	585 00	Kiskatom.
Leeds	S. T. Searle	95	450	138	3	4	12	4	3	126	4	1	40	20	3	125	90	107 00	.....	Leeds.
Moresville	W. D. Buckelow	40	250	45	3	2	1	..	..	49	...	..	....	40	2	60	....	5 00	1,000 00	Moresville.
South Gilboa		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Prattsville	Vacant	50	300	63	2	..	1	..	1	63	1	1	...	12	1	45	....	200 00	.....	Prattsville.
Roxbury	Wm. E. Turner	60	...	83	1	1	1	..	2	82	...	..	...	....	1	....	....	80 00	.....	Roxbury.

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Wm. Johns and R. B. Welch. * Pastor elect.

CLASSIS OF GENEVA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Lodi	G. J. Van Neste, (S. C.)	142	650	223	4	6	7	1	5	220	8	1	60	40	4	200	150	$ 335 81	$ 992 62	Lodi.
Farmer	B. Bassler	100	500	154	5	2	5	..	1	155	5	3	....	....	1	100	90	200 00	945 00	Farmer.
Geneva†	Charles Wiley	98	416	....	4	3	2	..	3	170	2	..	104	150	1	150	100	621 00	1,600 00	Geneva.
Ithaca	J. W. Schenck	101	356	151	5	3	1	..	4	154	5	..	65	93	1	118	88	430 68	1,321 91	Ithaca.
Arcadia	Vacant	11	30	28	1	..	4	..	2	21	1	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Arcadia.
Tyre	J R Van Arsdale	50	250	74	7	..	2	1	1	77	1	5	18	....	2	60	...	12 00	400 00	Waterloo.
Caroline	J. Whitbeck	45	150	53	2	1	..	..	4	52	1	..	20	15	1	40	30	50 00	400 00	Slaterville.
Wolcott	A. G. Morss, (S. S.)	40	200	49	...	..	..	..	2	47	1	.	25	12	1	35	25	6 00	410 00	Fair Haven.
Waterloo*	Vacant	40	60	15	...	..	..	..	..	15	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Waterloo.
1st Buffalo	J. L. See	25	100	48	1	1	..	..	..	50	...	..	25	15	1	....	....	.....	.....	Buffalo.
2d do.	Vacant	19	56	36	9	11	19	..	..	37	17	..	....	6	..	....	....	.....	.....	do
Pultneyville	A. K. Kasse	62	250	124	...	..	13	..	2	109	11	..	40	30	1	50	....	.....	219 00	East Williamson.
Rochester	W. C. Wust	131	570	272	5	15	2	5	8	306	41	..	14	112	1	14	12	477 47	1,150 00	Rochester, Bx. 2304.
Clymer	J. W. Dunnewold	47	208	80	2	10	..	..	1	91	5	..	50	30	1	50	40	.....	.....	Clymer.
Cato	Vacant	24	60	31	...	..	1	..	..	29	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Cato.
Mina Corners	do.	20	100	42	2	..	..	1	1	42	5	..	22	13	1	24	17	9 00	150 00	Mina Corners.
Athens	A. F. Todd	50	240	95	5	6	1	..	2	103	1	5	....	....	1	70	55	105 00	570 00	Athens.

Minister without Charge.—R. W. Knight. *Emeriti*, J. Beattie and J. Abell.

† A new and more accurate census.

* Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF KINGSTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Bloomingdale	J. R. Lente	63	252	101	3	..	2	..	3	99	2	..	....	....	1	65	30	$ 31 28	$ 401 08	Kingston.
Clove	J. N. Voorhis	150	740	101	6	3	1	..	3	106	14	1	35	30	2	110	....	120 00	530 00	High Falls.
Dashville Falls		....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Perrine's Bridge.
Guilford	I. N. Jansen	150	750	106	...	3	3	..	1	105	1	..	30	30	4	100	80	166 50	773 84	Tuthill.
Hurley	S. C. Lippincott, (S. C.)	72	432	119	...	3	1	..	..	121	3	..	30	30	2	100	80	232 20	670 00	Hurley.
2d Ch. Kingston	I. A. Collier	86	340	108	8	15	6	..	..	122	8	..	90	79	1	118	71	2:3 52	2,282 41	Kingston.
Marbletown	W. A. Shaw	180	900	163	48	..	2	..	4	205	10	10	....	....	4	....	....	583 14	940 00	Stone Ridge.
New Paltz	S. H Stitt	226	1350	328	15	7	6	..	7	337	15	4	221	197	7	408	....	733 60	1,550 00	New Paltz.
N. Marbletown	S. C. Lippincott, (S. S.)	101	505	79	2	1	4	..	..	78	7	1	....	....	2	50	40	84 78	385 26	Hurley.
Rochester	S. Wyckoff	200	750	166	11	3	1	..	..	179	13	3	30	20	6	150	....	120 84	800 00	Accord.
Rosendale	I. R. Lente	60	276	48	12	2	..	..	1	61	8	5	....	....	1	42	30	47 46	351 94	Rosendale.
Samsonville	I. Markle	34	385	39	7	..	..	1	1	46	5	..	....	6	1	90	40	26 13	.....	Samsonville.

Ministers without Charge.—S. Harlow, Anson Dubois, J L. McNair. *Emeritus*, E. Dupuy

CLASSIS OF SARATOGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
West Troy	O. H. Gregory	115	550	323	4	10	7	..	4	326	3	1	20	40	1	160	100	$ 425 00	$ 1,400 00	West Troy.
South W. Troy	G. L. Roof	87	375	127	2	3	6	..	1	125	10	..	....	50	1	150	120	242 72	2,175 71	do.
Wynantskill	J. Stevenson	42	130	82	1	..	..	..	..	83	4	1	25	15	1	60	45	62 00	600 00	Wynantskill.
Boght	Vacant	64	300	104	...	..	3	..	7	94	...	..	....	31	1	72	40	.....	310 00	Boght.
Waterford	R. Van Brunt	70	300	113	...	..	..	..	..	111	...	..	20	15	1	120	70	20 00	400 00	Waterford.
Cohoes	C. N. Waldron, (S. C.)	100	425	188	8	10	8	..	3	195	8	1	50	25	1	180	140	331 27	19,400 00	Cohoes.
Rensselaer	J. H. Bevier	52	260	....	1	1	..	..	..	44	1	..	15	12	1	30	30	.....	.....	West Troy.
Union Village	John Steele	80	400	193	2	8	6	..	2	196	4	..	30	....	1	50	40	312 00	1,250 00	Greenwich.
Saratoga	F. Merrill	90	350	111	20	12	5	..	6	132	...	6	25	5	1	50	35	90 00	2,450 00	Schuylerville.
Tosslock	Vacant	52	230	101	1	1	4	..	2	97	1	..	34	15	1	54	54	124 22	619 25	Buskirk's Bridge.
Easton	Vacant*	40	150	42	4	2	..	..	2	46	5	2	25	80	2	80	60	40 00	300 00	North Easton.
Schagticoke	Vacant†	40	150	57	...	..	..	..	..	57	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	25 00	370 00	Schagticoke.
Northumberland	G. McCartney	70	220	116	...	..	..	..	..	116	1	..	....	....	1	40	40	44 00	544 00	Northumberland.
Gansevoort		30	120	39	...	..	..	..	..	39	1	..	....	....	1	40	40	.....	200 00	
Jackson	Vacant	...	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	...	.....	.....	
Fort Miller	Vacant	...	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	...	.....	.....	

Ministers without Charge.—John Smith, J. Birkby, C. Van Santford, H. Slauson, J. B. Shaw.

* Supplied by A. G. Cochran.

† Supplied by R. Van Brunt.

CLASSIS OF ILLINOIS.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		Post Office Address.
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Fairview	John S. Joralmon	125	....	196	1	1	13	2	1	182	15	..	....	....	3	200	160	$50 00	$260 00	Fairview, Fulton Co., Illinois.
Pekin	A. Lloyd, (S. C.)	60	....	44	...	9	1	...	...	52	4	..	12	....	1	150	100	30 00	700 00	Pekin, "
Vanderveer	S. B. Ayres	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	...	....	..	....	30	.....	.....	Pleasant Plains, Sang'n Co., "
Burlington	J. Muller	20	....	24	3	1	..	..	..	28	7	1	20	....	1	40	60	8 00	315 00	Burlington, Ill.
Silver Creek	J. M. Wagner	117	....	62	15	1	..	..	1	77	29	..	24	58	1	72	45	158 00	1,125 00	Freeport, "
Spring Lake	S. A. Bumstead	24	....	40	1	1	5	..	1	136	..	..	20	20	1	64	80	40 00	40 00	Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill.
Raritan	C. D. Eltinge	42	....	55	1	1	..	..	1	56	..	..	15	....	5	100	30	22 00	.....	Raritan, Henderson Co., Ill.
Bushnell	E. P. Livingston	35	....	30	4	15	2	..	..	47	3	..	....	....	1	40	....	4 00	680 00	Bushnell, McDonough Co., "
Keokuk	Vacant	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Quincy	Vacant	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
Davenport	C. G. Vanderveer	15	....	....	1	22	..	..	..	23	..	..	...	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Davenport, Iowa.
	Total	438		451	20	51	21	2	4	501	57	1	91	78	13	666	505	$312 00	$3,120 00	

Ministers without Charge.—A. D. Wilson, Fairview, Fulton Co., Ill.; J. Ford Morris, Bushnell, McDonough Co., Ill.

CLASSIS OF MICHIGAN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Battle Creek	H. J. Brown, M.D.	30	....	45	6	1	6	..	2	41	7	2	....	....	7	250	....	$ 20 00	.....	Battle Creek, Michigan.
Centreville	Jos. H. Kershow	40	....	55	5	9	2	..	2	65	6	..	....	40	1	40	..	45 00	$ 532 00	Centreville, St. Joseph Co., Mich.
Constantine	Wm. Bailey, (S. C.)	45	....	57	1	4	..	..	..	62	...	1	....	25	2	100	....	52 00	550 00	Constantine, do. do. do.
Mottville	do.	30	....	45	2	1	7	2	1	38	...	..	....	....	1	30	....	19 00	.....	do. do. do. do.
Porter	do.	15	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	10	...	..	....	....	1	25	..	.....	.....	do. do. do. do.
Grand Rapids	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	...	....	.....	.....	Grand Rapids, Kent do. do.
Jeff. & Pitts'rd	do.	40	..	....	4	..	..	..	..	20	...	..	....	....	2	....	...	.....	205 00	Sparta, Hillsdale do. do.
Macon	H. Heermance	32	....	39	...	2	..	..	1	40	1	..	....	....	3	100	....	10 00	.....	Macon, Lenawee do. do.
Ridgeway	do.	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
South Bend	Vacant	10	....	14	...	..	..	..	..	14	...	..	....	....	1	25	...	.....	.....	South Bend, Indiana.
	Total	242	....	255	18	17	15	2	6	280	14	3	....	65	18	570	....	$146 00	$1,287 00	

Ministers without Charge.—Revs. J. G. Tarbell, J. H. Sheffield, and W. T. Van Doren.

CLASSIS OF HOLLAND.

Churches.	Pastors.	Census. Number of Families.	Census. Total of the Congregation.	Communicants. Members in Communion per last Report.	Communicants. Rec'd On Confession.	Communicants. Rec'd On Certificate.	Communicants. Dismissed.	Communicants. Suspended.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Total now in Communion.	Bap. Infants.	Bap. Adults.	C. & B. C. Number of Catechumens.	C. & B. C. Number in Biblical Instruction.	Sab. School. Number of Schools.	Sab. School. Total Number of Scholars.	Sab. School. Average Number of Scholars.	Contributions. Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Contributions. Congregational Purposes.	Post Office Address.
Drenthe	Vacant	29	....	60	...	1	....	..	2	59	12	..	28	...	..	....	....	$220 00	$ 280 00	Zeeland, Ottowa Co., Mich.
Graafschap	Vacant	....	....	38	...	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Fillmore, Allegan Co., "
Grand Haven	Vacant	100	....	208	6	8	7	2	..	213	46	..	176	..	1	75	...	374 28	1,117 24	Gr. Haven, Ottowa Co., "
Grand Rapids	W. H. Houbolt	....	....	...	11	1	8	..	1	141	40	..	136	25	1	60	...	150 00	1,080 00	Gr. Rapids, Kent Co., "
Grandville	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Grandville, " " "
Holland	Vacant	151	....	357	18	11	54	3	8	321	45	..	140	....	1	150	....	948 06	1,008 00	Holland, Ottowa Co., "
Kalamazoo	A. C. Van Raalte	106	....	178	11	..	9	2	19	179	34	..	176	....	1	100	....	.....	.....	Kalamazoo, "
Muskegon	H. G. Klyn	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	
N. Holland and Noor'	Vacant	30	....	48	2	..	....	..	..	45	4	..	32	....	..	....	....	44 25	.....	Holland, Ottowa Co., "
Overyssel	G. J. Nykerk	70	....	170	4	5	....	..	..	187	17	..	65	....	..	....	....	138 04	698 49	Overyssel, Allegan Co., "
Pella	P. J. Oggel	184	....	245	60	..	8	3	8	286	45	..	80	60	1	118	....	250 00	1,492 21	Pella, Marion Co., Iowa.
Polkton	Vacant	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	East'ville, Ot'a Co., Mich.
Vriesland	A. Zwemer, (S. C.)	79	....	111	2	3	1	.	..	115	24	..	80	....	..	....	....	110 46	585 00	Zeeland, Ottowa Co., "
Zeeland	Vacant	183	...	323	2	2	....	2	7	320	36	..	224	....	..	....	....	589 58	425 00	" " " "
	Total	932		1741	116	31	87	12	45	1866	303		1137	85	5	503		$2,824 67	$6,685 94	

Ministers without Charge.—Rev. Philip Phelps, Principal of the Holland Academy and Missionary Preacher; Rev. G. Van de Wall, Instructor in the Holland Academy and Missionary Preacher.

CLASSIS OF WISCONSIN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		C. & B. C.		Sab. School.			Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Members in Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	Rec'd On Certificate.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total now in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Schools.	Total Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Religious and Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Franklin	Vacant	25	....	60	...	..	12	1	1	55	5	..	27	....	..	....	....	$14 39	.....	Franklin, Milwaukee Co., Wis.
Alto	H. Stobbelaar	60	....	75	10	2	1	1	6	90	7	..	97	....	..	....	....	43 86	.....	Alto, Wisconsin.
Sheboygan Falls	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Sheboygan Falls, Wis.
Holland	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	9 50	.....	Holland Cedar, Gr. P. O., Wis.
Oostburg	K. Van der Schuur	90	....	110	..	..	..	..	..	110	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	24 66	.....	Oostburg, " "
Gibbsville	Vacant	25	....	66	..	..	..	..	..	66	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	1 50	.....	Gibbsville, Sheboygan Co., "
Bethlehem	Vacant	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	Bethlehem, Milwaukee P. O.
Milwaukee	S. Bolks, (S. C.)	100	....	239	8	9	15	..	2	236	26	..	80	100	1	160	130	48 89	$926 22	Milwaukee, Box 416.
1st Church of Chicago	C. V. der Meulen	48	....	52	12	6	..	5	7	110	31	..	50	....	1	38	....	71 58	425 00	Chicago, Illinois.
2d Church of Chicago	J. M. Ferris	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	.....	.....	" "
High Prairie	M. A. Ypma	43	....	86	8	3	..	1	2	91	9	..	....	....	..	....	....	15 87	.....	Thornton, Cook Co., Ill.
Low Prairie	M. A. Ypma	84	....	139	22	8	6	4	3	153	26	..	40	....	..	....	...	24 79	.....	" " "
Eden	J. A. Davenport	27	....	....	15	8	..	..	..	24	..	..	50	25	3	90	75	.....	.....	Foster, Fond du Lac Co., Wis.
	Total	502		827	75	36	34	12	21	950	104		344	125	5	138	205	$354 64	$1,351 22	

SUMMARY VIEW OF THE REFORMED PROTESTANT DUTCH CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1860.

CLASSES.	Churches.	Ministers.	Candidates.	Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	Rec'd		Now in Communion.	Baptized.		Number of Catechumens.	Number in Biblical Instruction.	Number of Sabbath Schools.	Number of Scholars.	Contributions.		STATED CLERKS.
						On Confession.	On Certificate.		Infants.	Adults.					Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
New York	19	31	..	2248	11820	272	326	4289	253	25	1489	615	31	4712	$25,464 26	$46,582 30	Rev. N. J. Marcellus, D.D.
South Classis of New York	13	17	..	911	3940	97	84	2396	231	17	1233	536	11	2050	10,371 05	26,730 71	Rev. S. H. Meeker.
New Brunswick	10	15	..	828	3345	64	79	2032	100	13	501	237	24	1493	5,783 11	19,004 47	Rev. David Cole.
Bergen	25	28	2	2440	11075	258	175	3149	720	18	1247	1417	29	3277	10,892 00	48,989 00	Rev. Alexander H. Warner.
Paramus	15	14	1	1564	6400	98	75	1980	154	16	996	281	19	1664	4,355 27	11,941 93	Rev. Philip Peltz.
South Long Island	15	19	1	1229	6484	81	120	2199	140	13	833	620	20	2597	8,470 00	17,124 00	Rev. Jacob West.
North Long Island	15	18	..	1245	6360	87	87	1575	95	16	878	880	18	3810	6,498 75	26,992 09	Rev. John McC. Holmes.
Philadelphia	11	13	..	1484	5965	107	58	2387	98	26	749	521	41	2752	5,923 29	20,324 00	Rev. Theodore B. Romeyn.
Poughkeepsie	11	12	..	816	3471	62	46	1763	43	26	27	287	14	1095	5,018 32	5,200 00	Rev. Charles S. Hageman.
Passaic	10	10	..	983	4970	38	16	1179	95	3	564	385	26	1320	1,122 03	250 00	Rev. John A. Staats.
Hudson	8	8	..	908	4375	27	26	955	54	3	158	100	17	746	1,149 15	8,617 00	Rev. David D. Demarest, D.D.
Westchester	13	13	1	667	2330	49	29	1044	57	6	324	377	12	1005	2,560 21	15,730 58	Rev. William S. Moore.
Monmouth	8	9	..	532	2655	36	14	811	24	13	225	178	12	560	1,493 20	6,142 70	Rev. A. C. Millspaugh.
Arcot	5	6	..	114	446	2	14	110	11	1	71	551	..	....	294 62	.....	Rev. E. C. Scudder, D.D.
Raritan	12	14	..	1340	6276	89	73	2119	135	7	603	277	27	1448	1,948 75	3,950 00	Rev. John F. Mesick.
Albany	17	15	..	1336	7458	148	57	2383	26	87	629	451	18	1797	8,891 03	22,007 90	Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D.
Schenectady	13	13	..	1291	5730	48	16	1511	75	5	442	502	35	1555	1,452 54	8,779 51	Rev. Abraham J. Swits.
Rensselaer	13	11	..	1216	.....	37	52	1372	66	2	52	316	23	896	2,834 34	10,396 34	Rev. Elbert Nevius.
Schoharie	13	9	..	739	2920	28	9	953	24	7	94	23	16	980	786 10	5,297 99	Rev. Edwin Vedder.
Ulster	12	13	..	1006	5740	58	36	1600	91	4	375	288	17	979	3,239 39	3,693 38	Rev. Nathaniel F. Chapman.
Montgomery	21	12	..	1435	4916	157	31	1348	59	64	332	288	22	1143	819 59	7,081 75	Rev. Joseph Kneiskern.
Cayuga	12	11	..	651	2377	28	18	756	32	5	189	166	18	1089	1,038 40	4,293 00	Rev. John Garretson.
Orange	24	24	..	2076	10189	145	59	2799	215	25	780	680	46	2380	3,222 51	16,684 50	Rev. Charles Scott.
Greene	10	8	..	930	4310	28	21	1379	22	8	140	247	21	907	1,333 18	7,077 69	Rev. Samuel T. Searle.
Geneva	17	15	..	980	4096	51	57	1628	104	14	836	1002	16	911	2,256 96	8,158 53	Rev. George J. Van Neste.
Kingston	12	15	..	1122	6686	112	37	1459	86	24	436	392	31	1233	2,429 48	8,684 53	Rev. Benjamin C. Lippincott.
Saratoga	16	16	..	932	3960	43	47	1661	38	11	244	288	14	1086	1,716 21	30,018 96	Rev. Charles N. Waldron.
Illinois	....	..	..	438	....	20	51	501	57	1	91	78	13	666	312 00	3,120 00	
Michigan	....	....	..	242	.....	18	17	280	14	3	....	65	18	570	146 00	1,287 00	
Holland	....	....	..	932	.....	116	31	1866	303	....	1137	85	5	503	2,824 67	6,685 94	
Wisconsin	....	....	..	502	.....	75	36	950	104	....	344	125	5	138	354 64	1,351 22	
Total	370	387	5	33131	138294	2479	1794	50427	3506	463	16019	12098	619	45362	$125010 82	$402197 02	

ARTICLE VII.

SYNODICAL REFERENCES.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report:

That on a careful examination of the Minutes of the last General Synod, and of the Particular Synods of New York, Albany, and Chicago, they find the following items, which seem to require the action of this Synod:

On page 47th of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, are the following extracts and resolution:

From the Minutes of the Classis of Westchester.

"*Resolved*, That this Classis will cheerfully pay any reasonable assessment to defray the current yearly expenses of General Synod, which that reverend body may impose, but consider it a burden to bear the delinquencies of the non-paying Classes."

From the Minutes of the Classis of Raritan.

"*Resolved*, That this Classis will pay the assessment of General and Particular Synods at this time, and that our delegates be instructed to inform General Synod that it objects to the payment of the share of the arrearages created by the delinquency of other Classes who neglect to remit their annual dues to the Treasurer of General Synod."

"*Resolved*, That the extracts from the Minutes of the Classes of Raritan and Westchester, in relation to the assessments for the contingent expenses of General Synod, be referred to the General Synod."

The Classis of New York presents the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That in view of the crowded state of the columns of the Statistical Table in the Minutes of General Synod, this Classis respectfully refer to the General Synod the propriety of dropping, as unnecessary, the columns entitled, Total of Congregation; No. of Members in Communion per last Report; No. of Sabbath Schools; Total No. of Scholars."

On page 24th of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, we find the following resolution, referred to this Synod:

"*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed to define specifically the meaning of Questions 2, 3 and 4, in Chap. 3, Article 3, Section 8, of the Constitution, so that there shall be uniformity in the action, and the answers of the Classes with reference to them."

On page 16th of the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Chicago, is the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as there is a deficiency of one Elder in the formation of a quorum, this Particular Synod requests the General Synod to grant the necessary dispensation."

On page 18th of the same, is the following resolution, adopted by "a *unanimous* vote:"

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Particular Synod, the time has come when some executive power, resident in the great field of Western Church extension, is imperatively demanded by the dearest interests of the whole Dutch Church, and by the common cause of Jesus Christ; and we therefore respectfully request General Synod to consider the necessity of appointing a Western Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions, to enjoy equal powers with the Executive Committee now existing in the East.

Respectfully submitted.

V. M. HULBERT, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the subject of assessment, in relation to the Contingent Expenses of General Synod, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the Statistical Tables be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

Resolved, That so much as relates to certain questions in the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much as relates to a dispensation in consequence of the want of a quorum, be referred to the Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business.

Resolved, That so much as refers to the appointment of a Western Executive Committee be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Overtures and Judicial Business respectfully report:

That from the Particular Synod of Albany there is a reference to the General Synod, requesting a definition of the meaning of Questions 2, 3 and 4, in Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 8, of the Constitution.

The committee find that Chapter 3 of the Constitution contains but one Article, and in that there are no questions as referred to by the Particular Synod of Albany.

The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

From the Particular Synod of Chicago the following resolution has been referred to your committee:

"*Resolved*, That inasmuch as there is a deficiency of one Elder in the formation of a quorum, this Particular Synod requests the General Synod to grant the necessary dispensation."

Your committee respectfully submit that it is not in the power of the General Synod to grant the dispensation asked for.

J. B. ALLIGER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL APPEALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Resolved, That it be recommended by this General Synod to amend Section 1st, Article 4th, Chapter 2nd of the Constitution, by the addition of the sentence "excepting those Synods which may consist of not more than five Classes, in which cases five ministers and five elders may form a quorum," and that this recommendation be sent down by this General Synod to the various Classes under their care for their adoption.

ARTICLE X.

DOCTRINES AND MORALS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

CUSTOMS AND USAGES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

SCHOOLS AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Twentieth Annual Report of the Board of Sabbath-School Union was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Treasurer's Report of the Board of Sabbath-School Union was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Education was received and read, and so much of said report as relates to the appointment of teachers for the Holland Academy, and their salaries, was re-

ferred to the Committee on the Professorate, and the residue to the Committee on Education.

A sermon was delivered on the fifth day of the session by the Rev. G. H. Mandeville, on behalf of the Sabbath-School Board, from Lamentations, ii. 19: "Arise, cry out in the night; in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord; lift up thy hands towards him for the life of thy young children that faint for hunger in the top of every street."

The Committee on Education reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Education, presented to General Synod June 12, 1860.

The Committee on Education have carefully examined the papers placed in their hands, and beg leave to present the following report:

I. *Board of Education.*

The report from this Board informs the Synod of the severe and protracted illness of its Secretary, who has been cut off from all pulpit duty during most of the year, and for the last six months, even from attendance at the office. He has, however, been so far restored as to be able to resume the full discharge of his official duties. Your committee feel that the Synod has reason to rejoice in the kind Providence which has continued to the Church his faithful services. During the illness of Dr. Cornell, the Rev. J. L. McNair filled his place, and has performed his duties with a degree of energy, promptness, and efficiency that has secured to him the cordial thanks of the Board.

Owing to the change made by the last General Synod in the time of closing the fiscal year, the report covers a period of only eleven months. This accounts, in part, for the fact that the receipts for educational purposes from Churches and individuals are stated to be but $9,782.14; less by $3,800 than they were last year. When, in addition to this, it is remembered that the labors of the Secretary among the Churches were so seriously interrupted during the year, we think there is reason to consider the report in its financial aspect as on the whole encouraging.

Although the fear of embarrassment led the Board to pass a resolution declining to receive any new applicants, yet so far no young man, regularly recommended, has been refused, nor has any student been compelled to relinquish his studies for want of supplies from the Treasurer. The existing pecuniary deficiency, it is thought, will be only temporary.

The generous bequest of Mr. Daniel J. Schenck, of Monmouth Co., N. J., amounting to three thousand ($3,000) dollars, was paid over in June last to the Board of Corporation, and the proceeds are now applied to the support of beneficiaries. A munificent donation of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, by Mr. James Suydam, of New York City,

has also been available since the 1st of January last, for the same purpose. May the blessing of the Head of the Church follow these noble benefactions to the cause of education.

During the past year there have been 84 candidates on the list, of whom 6 have pursued their studies at the Holland Academy. Great carefulness has been observed by the Board in the preliminary examination of candidates, and a kind supervision has been exercised over their progress. The Board refers with pleasure to the general circumspection in deportment and diligence in study of the students under their care.

The cause of beneficiary education for the sacred ministry is taking a stronger hold upon the heart of the Church. Its importance and necessity are apparent, from the increasing demand for ministerial labor at home and abroad, and the inadequate supply from the ranks of those who have resources of their own. Our Missionary stations are almost entirely manned by those whom the Church has brought out and sustained by her educational funds. At the same time, it is gratifying to notice the fact of an increase in the number of pious youth preparing for the ministry in dependence on their own means, or supported by their parents or friends. It will be a happy day for the Church, when parents, loyal to the interests of Zion, shall consecrate their sons to the Lord, and give their wealth to the training of those sons for the sacred office. Nine candidates, under the care of the Board, have recently received professoral certificates. Their places, however, will be immediately filled by waiting applicants.

II. *Holland Academy.*

The report from this important institution is very encouraging. The number of students last year was thirty-three (33), erroneously printed in the Minutes of Synod 39. Of these, five entered the College and Seminary at New Brunswick, and three suspended their studies. Twelve new pupils have been added during the year, making a net increase of four, and the present number thirty-seven (37).

The Principal, Rev. Philip Phelps, has abundantly fulfilled the high expectations entertained of his efficiency and usefulness. The Rev. Giles Van De Wall continues his labors as Assistant Teacher, besides preaching in the Dutch language, under the direction of the Board of Domestic Missions. By the exertions of Rev. Dr. Van Raalte, every claim against the institution has been liquidated; the land needed to complete the area of the grounds secured, and the whole deeded to the General Synod. The Board now reiterates its conviction that the pecuniary support of the Academy is a burden not properly belonging to it, and urges with great force and justice, as we think, that as the whole institution is the property of the General Synod, that body should appoint the Professors and Teachers, and support them from its treasury. Your committee therefore recommend that measures be *taken*, as early as practicable, to relieve the Board of Education of *all liability* for the pecuniary support of the Holland Academy.

III. *Parochial Schools.*

There are now on the list as receiving aid, fourteen Parochial Schools, which, so far as the partial reports which have been sent in would show, appear to be doing a very important and necessary work. In several of these Schools the influences of the Holy Spirit have been enjoyed, and a number of the young pupils converted. This fact should go far to remove the apathy which pervades the Church on this subject. These Schools are nurseries of the Church, as well as institutions for intellectual training, and morality and religion, as well as sound learning, will be promoted by their establishment wherever they are practicable. The reckless attempts which are being made to divorce religion from education in our public schools, should lead the friends of the Church to found as many as possible of those institutions which, by their very constitution, are fortified against the attacks of Romanism and Infidelity. The amount of contributions from Churches to the Parochial School Fund during the past year is very small, while few applications have been received for aid from the funds originally contributed and invested. Several of the Schools formerly aided have become self-sustaining.

IV. *Board of Sabbath-School Union.*

After an appropriate reference to the death of Rev. P. M. Brett, D.D., one of the Board, and of Rev. W. C. Brownlee, D.D., one of the earliest Presidents and warmest friends of the Sabbath-School Union, the full and lucid report of the able Secretary lays before the Synod the results of the labors of the past year. There are now connected with the Union 266 Schools, 26 having been added during the year. As reports have been received from only 112, and it is not known whether these are the larger or the smaller schools, of course any tabular statement or comparison of statistics, as to teachers, scholars, volumes, &c., would be imperfect and unreliable.

The Board has endeavored to perform a strictly Missionary work on behalf of children, and has divided its efforts and resources between two fields, the Home and Western; the former comprising New York and vicinity, the latter the four Western Classes of Michigan, Illinois, Holland and Wisconsin. In the home field, eight Mission Schools have been established, seven in the City of New York and one in Harlem. Some of these are now self-sustaining. One, planted some five months ago, located at Prospect Hill, has become a new and regularly organized Reformed Dutch Church, with about thirty members, and a commodious Chapel. The number of children gathered into these schools is not far from *one thousand*, chiefly from the streets and lanes, the garrets and cellars, of the city.

With regard to the Western field, the Board state that their aim has been to establish only as many schools, and in such localities, as could enjoy the direct and constant care and supervision of some particular Church of our denomination. To this end, fields have been selected lying around established Churches, and pastors and Consisto

ries have been employed to aid in forming and superintending the schools. By consent of the Board of Domestic Missions, the Rev. H. J. Brown of Battle Creek, the Rev. J. H. Kershow of Centreville, and Rev. J. A. Davenport, itinerant missionary, were employed for a certain time as the Agents of the Sabbath-School Board in and around their respective fields of labor. Besides these pastors, three students, Messrs. G. H. Peck, C. S. Vanderveer, and R. Pieters, were commissioned for the summer vacation. The efforts of these brethren were successful, and have been followed by happy results. Sixty-one Sabbath-schools have been organized, revived, or visited, about one-half being new organizations. In these, about 350 teachers are employed in instructing 1,500 children, and pouring into their young souls the light of the Gospel.

Your committee believe that a good work has been done at the West, and with a small outlay. The salary which our faithful and self-denying Missionaries have received from the Sabbath-School Board, though small in itself, has not only added materially to their comfort, but has placed within their reach the facilities for a vastly enlarged usefulness. They are not neglecting their appropriate work when planting Sabbath-schools, and gathering in and feeding the wandering lambs of the flock.

Your committee would suggest, however, in this connection, that the Board be directed, in employing Missionaries at the West to do their work, not to show partiality, but to offer the same commission to every pastor who is willing to accept it. They all feel under an obligation to labor for the Sabbath-school cause as far as they can, and they all should share in the assistance which the Board may be able to render in performing their arduous work.

Financial.

In examining the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the past year, your committee have arrived at a few facts and conclusions which they deem worthy of the attention of Synod.

There has been received during the year $4,191.64, and expended $4,012.83. Of this sum, there has been paid as follows:

For salary and expenses of Corresponding Secretary.....	$1,624 26
" " " Assistant, H. A. Holt.....	516 18
" rent and expenses of office.....	193 00
	$2,333 44

Here we have as the actual cost of working the collecting and managing machinery of the Board, nearly three-fifths of all the receipts, which is unprecedented in the history of benevolent societies. Now we have a balance of $1,679.39, of which $125 must go to pay a bill of Hosford & Co., and $34 as a special donation to Mr. Van Raalte. This, after deducting $2 of worthless money, leaves just $1,518.39, out of more than four thousand, with which to carry on the legitimate work of the Board. This sum, your committee find, has been divided as follows: For the support of Mission Schools in

New York $822.82, and for the salaries of Missionaries in the West $635.57; leaving a balance of $60. If we consider Mr. Holt as a Missionary laborer, on the same footing with those at the West, it will reduce our estimate of expenses, and increase the appropriation to Mission Schools in New York City and vicinity to $1,339, which is more than double that which has been made to the Western field.

Your committee have presented this analysis simply that the Synod might have a clear view of the case. In examining the subject, it appeared to them that there was a discrepancy between the figures as they stand in the report, and the well-known intention of the Synod to enter upon missionary Sabbath-school work in the destitute regions of our country. The Board should be able to make its appeal to the whole Church, which it cannot successfully do so long as its *home field* means only the City of New York and vicinity, and absorbs the greater portion of the collections from the whole Church. The Sabbath-school enterprise is one of the noblest of all the agencies of the Church. Let the heart of the whole Church yearn after her children, and let her put forth her united efforts to save them for Him who said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Board respectfully asks the Synod to amend the Second Article of the Constitution, which refers to the Board of Managers, and confers the power to elect their own officers, by adding the following words: "And fill vacancies occurring during intervals of the Sessions of General Synod."

The committee recommend that the request be granted.

The committee also append the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Sabbath-School Union very materially to reduce the expenses of the collecting and managing machinery of the Board in the City of New York, and to appropriate a much larger proportion of their funds for the Sabbath-school work in the West.

Distribution of Books.

Your committee find among the receipts various donations of money expressly for Sabbath-School Libraries in the West, amounting to $84.83, but in the disbursements there is no account of these having been disposed of as directed, although such may have been the case. The only sum expended for books, by the Treasurer's Report, as we have seen, is $60, which was paid to Mr. Dodd for 200 copies of the Well Spring, for Mission Schools. The Secretary states that demands for books from needy schools have been large, and that every worthy applicant has been supplied through the timely aid received from more favored schools. Nearly $800 worth of books have been given away, the most of which have gone to supply new and destitute schools in our Western field.

Your committee would suggest that in future the disbursement of these special donations should be fully reported.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. D. VAN CLEEF, Chairman.

Philadelphia, June 12, 1860.

Resolved, That the Board of Sabbath-School Union be, and hereby is, directed to insert in their report of this year the names and localities of the Sabbath-schools stated to have been organized by them.

A sermon was preached on the evening of the seventh day of the session on the subject of Education, by Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D., from Rom. x. 13, 14, 15: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Sabbath-School Union whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., A. A. Willetts, Jacob West, William H. Ten Eyck, Goyn Talmage, Paul D. Van Cleef, William W. Halloway, and Messrs. Livingston H. Miller, James Anderson, John Hardenbergh, and Teunis A. Waldron.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Education whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. James A. H. Cornell, D.D., Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., R. Ormiston Currie, D.D., Ezra W. Collier, E. Tanjore Corwin, and Messrs. Samuel B. Schieffelin, James Suydam, and James W. Beekman.

ARTICLE XIII.

RUTGERS COLLEGE.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIV.

PROFESSORATE.

Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary whose term of service had expired.

Nominations were received from the Classes of Albany, Montgomery, Poughkeepsie, Schenectady, Passaic, New Brunswick, South Classis of Long Island, and North Classis of Long Island, which were confirmed.

It was referred to the Committee on Nominations, to report double

the number of persons from whom to choose members for those Classes who have not nominated.

The committee reported, and the election took place accordingly.

The following are the persons chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Superintendents: Rev. John De Witt, from the Classis of New Brunswick; Rev. John F. Mesick, D.D., from the Classis of Raritan; Rev. John Simonson, from the Classis of Albany; Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, from the Classis of Poughkeepsie; Rev. Isaac G. Duryee, from the Classis of Schenectady; Rev. Mancius S. Hutton, D.D., South Classis of New York; Rev. Peter S. Talmage, from the Classis of Passaic; Rev. John H. Manning, from the South Classis of Long Island; Rev. William W. Halloway, from the North Classis of Long Island; Rev. William J. R. Taylor, from the Classis of Philadelphia; Rev. Joseph Knieskern, from the Classis of Montgomery; and Rev. H. Hermance, from the Classis of Michigan.

The Rev. John G. Hall, who had been nominated by the Classis of Montgomery, declined the nomination, when it was referred to the Committee on Nominations to make provision to supply the vacancy.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and the report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit the following Report:

I. *Board of Direction.*

1. The Board of Direction has communicated in its report to Synod the gratifying intelligence that a legacy of $3,000 has been paid by the executor of the estate of the late Daniel J. Schenck, of Monmouth Co., N. J., designated by the will of the donor for educational purposes.

Your committee recommends that upon this sum, properly secured by bond and mortgage, a new Scholarship be erected, and called "The *Daniel J. Schenck Scholarship.*"

2. The Board of Direction further informs Synod that, under authority, the Board has executed a deed releasing the interest of the Synod in the Church property corner of Broome and Greene Streets, New York, and that the claim of the Synod has been transferred to the property now held by the Consistory of that Church, and situated in 34th Street, of the same city.

In order to carry forward the erection of a new Church edifice, the above-named Consistory, by and with the concurrence and recommendation of the Board of Direction, has made to this Synod the following application: "That the Synod will authorize its Board of Corporation to consent to or join in the execution of any mortgage or mortgages which *the said Consistory* may hereafter deem it necessary to make and execute, *either in its* present corporate name, or in such corporate name as

it shall hereafter assume." The reason, on account of which this authority is asked for, arises from the nature of the lien on the Church property existing in favor of this Synod.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the General Synod be, and it hereby is, authorized and empowered to consent to or join in the execution of a mortgage or mortgages, in the amount of $25,000, in the manner and for the purposes contemplated in the foregoing application.

3. In relation to the contingent expenses of the Synod, we are informed by the report of the Board of Direction, that it has now reached an embarrassing condition.

The financial year opens with a debt amounting to $819.65, some of the items of which have been standing for a long time. And in view of the existing session of Synod, there are no means in hand with which to pay the salary of the Stated Clerk, the expenses of the Western delegates, nor even the current expenses of our daily sessions.

Under these circumstances, the report of the Board may well hold the language which we quote: "The prospect before the Board is anything but pleasant, and it feels convinced that Synod will readily perceive the necessity for immediate remedial means, by which its obligations may be punctually met and the credit of Synod be maintained. To meet the claims already existing, and those which must be established by the present meeting of Synod, the report of the Board shows, under the head of arrearage of assessments for the whole or parts of the past two years, from 22 Classes, the sum of $787.10, a sum less than the actual indebtedness."

Now your committee is quite as much embarrassed as the Board in the solution of the question, how these contingent expenses may be comfortably provided for. To add to the difficulties of this position of things, several of the Classes, happily, however, only a very few in number, have sent up to the Synod complaints and requests against being burdened with assessments in this matter, and in reference to the delinquencies of the non-paying Classes. No one can be for a moment insensible to the perplexities of the case. But your committee will rather beg the Classes and the Synod to regard the whole difficulty as one of the self-inflicted embarrassments of our voluntary poverty—voluntary and continued poverty we mean—in the fact that the whole Church has not freely and heartily responded to the call made, under sanction of Synod, by the Board of Direction. It is trite enough to say that the Synod cannot get forward in its contingent expenses without money, and that no private hand is, or ought to be, opened to pay them. The Synod must meet, the work of the Church must go on, expenses must be incurred; complaints and fretting will not pay the debt; they will only mar our placid temper and cloud the sun of our fraternal amiability. Now, your committee can suggest no better, no easier financial measures, to answer the never absent necessities of the Synod, than the plans adopted at the last meeting of this body, and whose execution the Board of Direction has zealously commenced.

By the following resolutions, your committee recommends the re-enactment of the 3d and 4th resolutions, under the Article Board of Direction, on page 447 of Minutes of last Synod.

Resolved 1*st*, That this Synod, fully admitting all the difficulties which surround the matter of the Contingent Fund, earnestly invites and enjoins the Classes to give their earliest attention to the plans adopted for its relief and supply.

Resolved 2*ndly*, That the Board of Direction be requested to give its attention with new interest to the plans on which it has entered, and especially that of the agency mentioned in the 4th of the above-named resolutions.

Resolved 3*rdly*, That the Board of Direction be, and hereby is, instructed to borrow immediately from funds in hand, or from other parties, the amount necessary to pay the debts referred to above, and those which must arise out of the present session of the Synod.

4. Property of the Synod in its Foreign Mission Stations.

By order of a former Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod has applied for, and obtained from the Legislature of the State of New York, an act of incorporation for the more thorough execution of its work. This Board now asks that the title to the Missionary property held by the Synod may be transferred to its possession. Your committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be, and it hereby is, authorized and empowered to take all the necessary steps to invest the Board of Foreign Missions with the title and possession of all the property belonging to the Synod at its Foreign Mission Stations, and contemplated in the foregoing application.

5. Holland Academy.

Reference to this institution has come to the hands of your committee, both from the report of the Board of Direction, and from that of the Board of Education.

From the Board of Education application is made to be relieved from the duty and expense of maintaining the Academy.

And by the Board of Direction, a request is made that Synod would adopt measures to provide for the outlay which must be necessary, not temporarily, but permanently.

And from the Board of Direction also comes the request that the Synod will empower it to obtain the necessary authority to hold real estate in the State of Michigan. On this last matter your committee recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the title to the grounds of the Holland Academy is now in this General Synod, and that it is necessary to apply to the Legislature of Michigan to confirm such title, and to authorize the Church to hold real estate in that State, the Board of Direction be, and it hereby is, authorized and empowered to make such application.

And inasmuch as there are special and valuable interests comprehended in the question of ownership, appointments, superintendence and payments in the Holland Academy, which ought to be very accu-

rately defined and settled, and inasmuch as that institution is now intimately related with the Board of Education, and its relations to the Synod bring it into close connection with the Board of Direction, your committee recommend the following resolution:

That the Boards of Direction and Education be requested to confer upon the whole subject, and having devised a plan, defining its relations to the Synod, and the means of its support, report thereon to the next General Synod.

6. Church of the Thousand Islands.

The Board of Direction refers to the above-named Missionary Church, and to the possible incurring of expenses. At the last session of Synod the Board of Direction was authorized to accept the conveyance of the Parsonage property of this Church. The deed, not yet received, however, when delivered, may perhaps bring with it the necessity of some expense of insurance and repairs.

In the operation of certain laws in the State of New York regulating the tenure of Church property, a necessity absolutely exists for the preservation of this house and land, that the Synod should hold title, in the peculiar situation of things at the Thousand Islands, or rather Alexandria Bay. Time and the growth of the Church can alone remedy the difficulty. Your committee, therefore, recommends that in the events referred to by the Board, the Boards of Direction and of Domestic Missions be, and by this act shall be, clothed with discretionary power.

II. *Board of Superintendents.*

1. The report on that pre-eminently important interest of the Church, the Theological Seminary, is highly interesting. And in view of it, adopting the language of the Superintendents to the Synod, we remark, that "our thanks are due to the great Head of the Church for the measure of prosperity granted to this agency for the education of a pious and efficient ministry for the Church."

The number of students is stated at the considerable figure of fifty-seven.

Fifteen of whom were furnished with the usual Professoral certificates. And the sixteenth, whose case was one of dispensation, is now recommended by the Professors to the Synod, for an authority to apply for examination to the South Classis of New York, as will subsequently appear. The faculty took pleasure in reporting the commendable course of both study and character on the part of the students through the entire term. And the Board makes honorable mention of the examinations of the classes with which the year was closed.

2. Your committee mentions with pleasure the additions to our Foreign and Domestic Missionary forces which the last Senior Class has furnished, not alone on account of the number, but the character and attainments of those new and willing laborers. We pray that the numbers of such may be greatly enlarged for our future reinforcements.

3. Your committee also thinks it highly proper, and it recommends

that the Synod, by this action, adopt the acknowledgment made in the Report of the Board, of the gift to the Seminary from the family of the late Isaac L. Kip, Esq., of a valuable portrait of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, so long the eminent Professor of Theology in our institution.

4. And your committee would be glad if we could here dismiss our examination of the Report of the Board of Superintendents, and proceed to other topics.

We are, however, informed that when the questions directed to be proposed to the students, with reference to their preaching otherwise than under the special cases of exception mentioned in Synod's resolutions, the law of the Synod was found to have been deliberately violated.

Last year the report stated the matter thus: "Transgressions seemed to have occurred." But in this year's report it is stated "that the rule of the Synod was confessed to have been broken." Last year it was a seeming transgression, this year it was a confessed violation. Last year the names of the seeming transgressors mentioned were in number eleven. This year the number of confessed violators is twenty-one. We may well ask, Whereunto will this thing grow? If the members of the Seminary be "preachers," they are no longer "students." And if they be "students," they are not "preachers." It is true that the popular gaze is of late sometimes called to fix itself on "boy-preachers." But if we acknowledge such precocity, it would rather be as the exception, than the rule. And, in point of fact, we believe it to be undeniable, that even three years, to say nothing of one year, do not produce any more valuable and ripened fruits, than the necessities of ordinary intellects and the interests of sound doctrine require. Your committee believes that this unlicensed license, and the constitution of our Theological courses of training for the pulpit and the pastorship, are absolutely incompatible; and that, for order, for discipline, for law, for truth, one must overcome the other. We have no hesitation to make our election on the side of the constituted courses of preparation, and we hold that the liberty given to the students, by existing laws, to exercise their gifts, is quite broad enough, and that violations both can and ought to be promptly checked, and checked now. Your committee, in view of the statement of the Board, recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That in any instance of the violation of the existing laws regulating the students preaching, falling within its knowledge, the Theological Faculty is hereby empowered and directed immediately to examine the case, and suspend the offending party from his place in the Seminary until his case can be reviewed by the next General Synod.

II. *Resolved*, That in those cases of violation of the said laws which fall within the knowledge of the Board of Superintendents, in the fulfillment of their duties in session, it is hereby empowered and directed to suspend the offending party, of whatever class, from his place, until his case can be reviewed by the next General Synod.

III. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Synod, it is highly improper that Ministers and Consistories should invite the members of the Theological Seminary to preach, in contravention of the laws of the Synod.

III. *Dispensations.*

1. Your committee finds in the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, a reference of the case of Mr. R. Pieters, who is recommended for a dispensation from one year's study, with a view to a settlement in the Classis of Holland. But no valid reason appearing in its favor, we recommend that this request be not granted.

2. We find also in the Minutes of the last General Synod, an advisory resolution in the case of Mr. John Wenish, and the case of Mr. Isaac W. Warner, that they should pursue in our Theological Seminary such a course of studies as the Professors may deem necessary to fit them for usefulness as pastors and teachers.

Mr. Wenish is stated, by a communication from the South Classis of New York, to be of such an age, and in such circumstances as to family and support, as to preclude his compliance with this advice. The Classis asks, therefore, in his behalf a dispensation allowing it to ordain him to the Gospel ministry. We recommend, therefore, that Mr. Wenish be admitted to an examination in the presence of a Deputatus Synodi, and that if he be found sufficiently prepared, especially in the standard doctrines of the Church, the Classis may license and ordain him in the charge where he is now laboring.

Mr. Warner has produced to your committee the certificate of the Professors of the Theological Seminary, approved by the Board of Superintendents, stating his compliance with the resolution of Synod. We therefore recommend that he be admitted to the like examination before the South Classis of New York.

3. Mr. Augustus Blauvelt asks for a dispensation from attendance at the Seminary during so much of his senior year as will enable him to attend a course of medical lectures in New York, preparatory to his entrance into the field of Foreign Missions. We recommend his request to be granted.

4. Application is also made by the Classis of New Brunswick for permission to Mr. Frederick R. Brace to pursue his theological studies under its direction, and when it may deem it proper to do so, that it may license him to preach.

It appears from the communication of the Classis that Mr. Brace desires no dispensation from any of the studies pursued in the Theological Seminary, but only from attendance in person upon its duties. It furthermore appears from the statements of the Stated Clerk of the Classis, who was instructed by the Classis to present Mr. Brace's case, that Mr. Brace is compelled from age and family, and mode of support, to seek this dispensation, while his pursuits and attainments eminently qualify and recommend him for an early admission into the ministerial office. In view, therefore, of all the circumstances, your committee

recommends that Mr. Brace be admitted to such an examination before the Classis of New Brunswick as would be accorded to him upon the usual professoral certificate.

IV.—*Van Benschoten and Knox Funds.*

In the Van Benschoten Fund there is reported an unappropriated balance of $1,180.77, and on the Knox Fund $72.11.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. FISHER,
JOHN GARRETSON,
JOHN L. McNAIR,
CORNELIUS B. DOREMUS,
F. J. HOSFORD,
} *Committee.*

The ayes and nays on the adoption of the 2d article, under the head of the Board of Corporation, having been called for, were taken, and are as follows:

Ayes.—A. R. Van Nest, T. W. Chambers, G. W. Bethune, H. Camerden, C. D. Buck, A. R. Thompson, H. N. Wilson, David Cole, Jacob C. Sears, J. V. A. Merrell, P. Cortelyou, P. D. Van Cleef, W. H. Kirk, E. T. Corwin, N. P. Pierce, F. J. Hosford, H. S. Ditmas, C. Debevoise, O. E. Cobb, W. A. Cornell, A. J. Heermance, W. J. R. Taylor, T. B. Romeyn, N. D. Williamson, G. Ludlow, J. A. Lansing, J. G. Johnson, W. Lyall, T. Finger, W. P. Stall, D. McL. Quackenbush, W. S. Moore, R. Walsh, W. Reiley, A. C. Millspaugh, J. J. Van Mater, J. E. Conover, W. Brush, J. Le Fevre, E. P. Rogers, R. H. Steele, E. Nevius, R. Hermance, J. T. Ham, J. C. Evarts, J. J. Quick, J. Markell, S. J. Vedder, W. G. E. See, H. A. Raymond, D. G. Scott, P. H. Burghardt, R. H. Harmer, J. Garretson, G. H. Fisher, T. H. Wood, R. Pitts, S. T. Searle, F. N. Zabriskie, A. F. Todd, A. S. Johnson, C. V. H. Morris, J. L. McNair, J. Eltinge, D. Schoonmaker, O. H. Gregory, H. J. Brown, J. H. Polhemus, J. M. Ferris, C. B. Doremus.—70.

Nays.—S. B. Schieffelin, J. R. Wortendyke, R. O. Currie, C. Lott, G. Talmage, J. H. Suydam, J. B. Jewett, C. E. Spangler, A. Messler, P. D. Vroom, W. L. James, C. Van Dyck, J. Vanderbogert, J. R. Berry, J. Clancy, S. S. Becker, N. W. Jones, J. L. See, A. Lloyd, C. D. Eltinge, A. Zwemer.—21.

The Rev. James Demarest, Jr., Nathaniel Conklin, James E. Bernart, John G. Hall, Elihu Doty, Abraham J. Swits, and Edward E. Seelye were excused from voting.

The ayes and nays on the adoption of the first resolution, on the subject of the students preaching, having been called for, were taken, and are as follows:

Ayes.—T. W. Chambers, G. W. Bethune, S. B. Schieffelin, H. Camerden, H. N. Wilson, D. Cole, J. V. A. Merrell, J. R. Wortendyke, W. H. Kirk, R. O. Currie, C. Lott, E. Doty, E. Nevius, H. S. Ditmas, F. J. Hosford, G. Talmage, C. Debevoise, A. I. Heermance, G. Ludlow, N. Conklin, C. B. Doremus, J. G. Johnson, T. Finger, W. P. Stall, D. McL. Quackenbush, W. Reiley, A. C. Millspaugh, J. E. Conover, A. Messler, P. D. Vroom, E. P. Rogers, J. A. Lansing, I. N. Wyckoff, W. L. James, C. L. Van Dyke, J. Vanderbogert, R. H. Steele, J. T. Ham, J. J. Quick, S. J. Vedder, H. A. Raymond, S. S. Becker, D. G. Scott, R. Harmer, A. J. Swits, J. Garretson, G. H. Fisher, T. H. Wood, N. W. Jones, R. Pitts, S. T. Searle, J. L. See, J. L. McNair, C. H. Stitt, F. M. Markell, D. S. Schoonmaker, O. S. Gregory, L. Rousseau, A. Lloyd, C. D. Eltinge, H. J. Brown, J. H. Polhemus, A. Zwemer.—63.

Nays.—A. R. Van Nest, C. D. Buck, A. R. Thompson, P. D. Van Cleef, J. Demarest, E. T. Corwin, P. Peltz, A. Ackerman, N. P. Pierce, J. H. Suydam, O. E. Cobb, W. A. Cornell, J. B. Jewett, W. J. R. Taylor, T. B. Romeyn, C. E. Spangler, J. E. Bernart, W. Lyall, V. M. Hulbert, W. Brush, J. Le Fevre, J. R. Berry, J. C. Evarts, W. G. E. See, E. E. Seelye, C. F. Hoag, H. R. Furbeck, N. D. Williamson, R. Ostrander, F. N. Zabriskie, A. F. Todd, A. S. Johnson, C. V. H. Morris, J. M. Ferris.—35.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of General Synod be directed to send an authenticated copy of the foregoing resolution relating to the Professors to each of the Theological Professors at New Brunswick.

Synod proceeded to fill the vacancies in the Standing Committee on the Peter Hertzog Theological Hall. The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to choose such persons, Synod proceeded to the election. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen, viz.: Rev. George W. Bethuue, D.D., and Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D., in the place of Rev. George W. Bethune, D.D., and Rev. Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.

ARTICLE XV.

STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVI.

CHURCH VISITATIONS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

PREVAILING SINS.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MISSIONS.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented, read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

So much of the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions as refers to the transfer of the Mission Property to the Board of Foreign Missions was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed to "raise means for the erection of a suitable monument in India to the memory of the late Rev. John Scudder, M.D.," which was accepted:

To the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church now in Session in Philadelphia:

DEAR BRETHREN—The Committee appointed at the last session of your venerable body, consisting of Tho. C. Doremus, James A. Williamson, James L. Schieffelin, Robt. H. Pruyn, and Fred. T. Frelinghuysen, "to raise means for the erection of a suitable monument in India to the memory of the late Rev. John Scudder, M.D.," *respectfully report* that, as Dr. Scudder was emphatically the children's missionary, it was thought wise to ask the children of the Sabbath-schools of the Dutch Church to contribute in sums of not less than *ten cents* each. Your committee are happy to say that upward of *thirteen thousand children* have responded, and that a sum has been raised sufficient to erect a suitable remembrance of that noble, valiant soldier of the Cross. The monument is now being made, and your committee herewith send a few copies (lithographic) for the inspection of your venerable body.

Should any funds remain, after paying all expenses, the amount will be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions, unless your body should order otherwise.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THO. C. DOREMUS, *Chairman.*

NEW YORK, *June* 9, 1860.

A letter was laid before Synod from the Chairman of the Committee on the Scudder Monument by the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A sermon was preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session, on behalf of Foreign Missions, by the Rev. Charles S. Hageman, *from Zechariah 4: 6:* "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel,

saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions have carefully examined the same, and beg leave to present the following as their Report:

The Report of the Board, which has been drawn up by the acting Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Philip Peltz, is an unusually elaborate and interesting document, and has evidently been prepared with great care, and with a due sense of the increasing magnitude and importance of the work which has been committed to our beloved Church, in heathen lands. It presents to us, in forcible and intelligible terms, a history of the progress which, in the good providence of God, has characterized this great work during the past year, and calls us to survey, as from some mount of vision, the goodly land which remaineth yet to be possessed by our Zion. The picture which it draws is not without its shadows. It sings of mercy and of judgment. But the lights far outnumber the shades, and mercy rejoices still over judgment. There is matter in the Report for grave, even anxious thought. There is a view of impending responsibility which cannot be properly met by the impulses of mere enthusiasm, but which calls for cool and sober consideration. There are dispensations of Providence that are mysterious and trying, fitted to test our faith and submission; and yet, upon a review of the entire history of the year, as presented in the Report, there is abundant occasion to exclaim with devout and adoring gratitude, "What hath God wrought!" and to inspire us with increased zeal and hopefulness in entering upon another year of prayer and labor for the extension of our Saviour's kingdom, who is the Lord of glory and the King of saints.

From the reports from the missions at Amoy and Arcot, we learn that the work of the Lord has been carried on during the past year with an encouraging degree of success. A new church has been organized at Chioh-be, and a new house of worship erected at Amoy. The Gospel has been faithfully preached to the conversion of a good number of the heathen, and the work of parochial school and theological instruction has been well attended to. The benevolent contributions of the mission churches might shame the meagre offerings of many of our churches at home. The mission at Amoy has been reinforced by Messrs. Ostrom and Rapalje, who are already able to labor among the Chinese, and speak to them in their own language the wonderful works of God.

We rejoice to welcome Rev. E. Doty, D.D., after his long absence, to his native shores, and trust that his presence among our churches will be blessed of God, to the progress of the true missionary spirit, and the great advance of our efforts in its behalf.

The Arcot Mission, though deprived of the labors of Revs. Joseph and Jared Scudder, absent from the field on account of sickness, continues to flourish. A native pastor has been ordained and set over the

church at Arcot. Two new church edifices have been erected, a new station occupied, and the general history of the mission has been one of prosperity. Two new recruits have joined the mission band, and soon Dr. H. M. Scudder, we hope, will again be added to their number.

Our missionaries to Japan have arrived in that country, are comfortably settled there, have been received with much courtesy, and are industriously preparing for the prosecution of their work. Mr. Verbeck expects soon to give to Christendom an English Japanese Grammar, an inestimable gift, worth all that the entire mission has cost.

While we may hope great things from the auspicious commencement of a work for Christ in a kingdom hitherto hermetically sealed against all foreign influences, especially those of a religious character, yet the Church, in respect to this mission, should not take counsel of mere enthusiasm, but learn to hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It has been much to effect an entrance into Japan; but it is only an entrance upon a work of peculiar delicacy and responsibility. The history of the early Jesuit missions in that country may afford us a wise lesson; yet our mission is for Christ, and not for Anti-Christ.

We seek to rear the Cross, not the Crucifix. We are to engraft the zeal, and devotedness, and martyr courage of Xavier and Loyola on the stock of a purer faith than theirs; and as we read and interpret the Word of God, we may believe that the Gospel shall triumph among the millions of Japan, though long before the day of victory comes, we shall be sleeping in the dust.

Funds.

The Treasurer's Report—a document prepared with that neatness and accuracy so characteristic of all Mr. Hayt's communications—presents in some respects a most gratifying statement. The receipts from all sources for eleven months have amounted to $30,181.58. To go in three years from $12,000 to $30,000, is surely to "make rapid and encouraging progress." Yet the report of the Treasurer presents some facts which ought to be deeply pondered by the Synod.

In the first place, it appears that there is but *one* Classis in the whole Church in this country, all of whose churches have contributed during the year to this cause. All honor to the Classis of Paramus—all of its fourteen churches are recorded as contributing churches.*

2. *One hundred and fifty-two* churches have contributed nothing to the treasury of our Board.† This is a melancholy, even a shameful fact, on which further comment is needless. Two hundred and fifty-one

* This Classis has not only given a contribution from every church within its bounds, but the average amount of their contributions is larger than the average amount given by all the two hundred and fifty-one churches which are reported as contributing—being in their case a fraction over $92 to each church, while the general average of the whole Church is a fraction over $88.

† If these one hundred and fifty-two churches had contributed the average amount reported from all the other churches, it would have added the sum of $13,528 to the funds of the Board.

churches have contributed $22,315.42. Of this number, those which have contributed

$1,000 and upwards are				4
800 "	and less than	$1,000		1
500 "	" "	800		3
200 "	" "	500		20
100 "	" "	200		48
Less than		100		175
				251

3. The entire average of the contributions from the whole Church from all sources is less than sixty cents from each communicant. But it must be remembered that very many of our non-communicants are in the habit of contributing to benevolent objects—some of them with great liberality—so that the average from each member must be considerably less than sixty cents.

Your Committee, in view of the very heavy pecuniary responsibilities assumed in carrying on the work of the Board on its present scale, beg to call the serious attention of the Synod to these facts and figures. A great advance has doubtless been made in the contributions to this cause. Something of this must be attributed to the influence exerted by Rev. Dr. Scudder's glowing appeals to the churches; and while we hope that these have done more than awaken a temporary and spasmodic interest in this great work, yet it would not be strange if some ears which drank in with delight the music of his words may be closed to the ordinary calls of pastors and other agents. The expenses of the Board, however, call for still larger contributions, and it is for this Synod to say whether there is a reasonable prospect that the necessary means will be furnished. It will require that every one of the one hundred and fifty-two churches reported as non-contributing should contribute an equal average amount with the two hundred and fifty-one which have contributed, and that these latter shall increase this average, in order to enable the Board to meet its present engagements, and carry out its plans for the coming year without incurring a debt.

The expenditures of the Board may reach the large sum of $45,000 during the year. We must look steadily at this fact in all its seriousness, and ask, Can this advance be reasonably expected? It will not do to say that the Church *can* do this. That fact is unquestionable. *Will she do it?* We hope she will. If her past be prophetic of her future, we may believe that she will. God's providence has manifestly gone before her in all the progress of this work. She has only followed in a path which He has opened in answer to her prayers, and from which she could not shrink, without being recreant to solemn duty. But prayer for great things involves responsibility for the use of great means. And the exigencies of our present position cannot be met without a thorough rousing up of our entire Church to her *duty* in this work. Pastors must not shrink from their duty, in urging the claims of Christ's cause upon their people more earnestly and faithfully. Consistories must see to it that wise and efficient measures

are adopted to bring out all the benevolent activities of their congregations; and every individual member must feel called upon to come up, as never before, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The Board itself must practice a proper economy in the management of its affairs, and incur no expenditure not clearly demanded by the indications of duty. Only thus can we hope to meet the serious responsibilities which we have assumed, and prosecute with vigor and success the work of evangelizing the heathen on our present scale of effort.

The committee notice with pleasure, that through the liberal donation of James Suydam, Esq., a guarantee fund has been secured for the use of the Board, by which a basis is furnished of security for the necessary drafts for the use of the several missions. The amount of that fund is at present $6,000, which it is intended shall accumulate till it reaches the sum of $10,000.

The Board report to Synod that Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D., had felt constrained by the pressure of his other engagements to relinquish the office of Corresponding Secretary, the duties of which he had discharged for several years gratuitously, and with signal efficiency and success. Your committee feel, in common with the Board, that the Church is under great obligation to Dr. Ferris for his valuable services at the critical period of the infancy of our separate organization, and trust that those services will be long and gratefully remembered.

The Rev. Philip Peltz has been chosen to fill the post of Corresponding Secretary, and has discharged the duties of the office for several months with fidelity and acceptance. Mr. Peltz, with a delicacy which does him great honor, has seen fit to waive his formal acceptance of this office until an expression of opinion be given by this Synod in the case, although regularly elected by the Board, who had full authority to make such election, and still retains his pastoral charge, while attending, so far as he is able, to the duties of the office. The deliberate judgment of the Board seems to be, that the office requires the undivided time and entire energies of its incumbent.

The enlarged scale on which the operations of the Board are now conducted, the very serious nature of the responsibilities incurred, the necessity that every means be employed to visit the churches, stimulate their zeal, furnish information, and urge them to a higher standard of effort in this cause, and the labor of editing the *Sower*, and making it a vehicle of the best missionary intelligence, all demand that the undivided time and energies of one man shall be given to the duties of this office, and indicate, in the judgment of the Board, that a true economy and regard to the real interest of the cause require this arrangement. On this subject the Board have come to a unanimous conclusion; and in this your committee, after carefully considering the whole subject, are constrained to concur. The Board will, of course, avail themselves of the labors of the missionary brethren providentially at home, so as to secure the most efficient and economical co-operation in the work of increasing the interest among our churches which is already felt in this work.

Your committee rejoice to notice that feature of the report which

speaks of the remarkable increase of the missionary spirit among the students at New Brunswick. This is one of the most encouraging features of our times, and adds another reason for the hope that we are only on the threshold of a great and glorious work for Christ in the field of missions.

Your committee feel deeply impressed with the idea of the solemnity of the position in which the Church is placed in regard to the whole subject of Foreign Missions. God has seemed, in a remarkable manner, to place the seal of his approbation upon the assumption by us of the duty of attempting a separate missionary organization, and, as a Church of Jesus Christ, doing our share of the work of evangelization. The progress which we have made in three years has been wonderful. Now we have assumed responsibilities from which, three years ago, we should have shrunk back with dismay. Yet it may be that even now these responsibilities are not properly apprehended by the Church. Were they thus apprehended, we should not be obliged to report the melancholy fact that nearly one-third of our churches give absolutely nothing to this cause.

In this state of the case, we have no time to waste in complacent gratulations over what we have done. We need rather a spirit of earnest prayer as to our present duty. We need a higher standard of personal duty and sacrifice. We need especially a larger measure of the grace of giving. The besetting sin of the Dutch Church is avarice. She is very far behind the measure both of her ability or her obligations, in the matter of giving her money to the Lord. She has much wealth yet unconsecrated, many tithes not yet brought into the storehouse. The cause of Foreign Missions needs a portion of this wealth. Forty-two thousand dollars, at least, ought to be placed in the treasury of the Board for this year's operations. With less than this, debt will be unavoidable. Yet we fain would hope that by God's blessing the standard of effort in this and every good cause may be raised among us, and that we may approximate towards our whole duty as a Church to our Master and to the world.

In view of the whole subject, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we recognize with devout and humble gratitude the hand of God in the progress of the missionary spirit in our Church during the past year, and feel that we are both obliged and encouraged to go forward as a Church in the prosecution of the work of evangelizing the heathen with increased zeal and fidelity.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all our churches to contribute to the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions, even if they are unable to contribute much, and that we believe that no Church of Christ can enjoy true and permanent spiritual prosperity which habitually neglects to obey the Saviour's last command, to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

3. *Resolved*, That every pastor and Consistory in our Church should be regarded as a special agency for this cause, and should take such measures as may be most advisable to secure regular contributions for its support.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod are due to Rev. Dr. Ferris for his valuable labors so freely given to the Board at the critical period of the infancy of its separate organization, and that the action of the Board in the election of Rev. Philip Peltz as his successor in the office of Corresponding Secretary, at a fair compensation, be approved by the Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That it is desirable to increase the circulation of the *Sower* largely among our congregations, and that the Board be directed to send a copy to each of the pastors of our churches.

6. *Resolved*, That the second week in January be recommended to our churches to be observed as a week of united and special prayer for the conversion of the world.

A letter from Thomas C. Doremus, Esq., Chairman of the Committee to raise funds for the Scudder Monument, suggesting that said monument should be placed in Greenwood Cemetery, has been referred to your committee. They would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Committee who have charge of the Scudder Monument be directed to carry out the original resolution of Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

E. P. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Churches of our denomination be not only urged to take a monthly collection for Missions, but that we suggest and recommend to them to take those collections at the morning service of the first Sabbath of each month.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Foreign Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. James Eells, William H. Steele, John B. Alliger, John De Witt, N. E. Smith, and Messrs. Sanford Cobb, Jun'r, Alvin B. Preston, and Ralph Wells.

A letter was received from the Rev. Jared W. Scudder, apologizing to the Synod for his absence at the present session, and asking for the more abundant prayers and sympathy of the Churches in behalf of the Missionaries and their work.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

A sermon in behalf of Domestic Missions was preached on the evening of the second day of the Session, in the Third Reformed Dutch Church, by Rev. John De Witt, from Luke 12: 49: "*I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?*"

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Mi

sions was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions was received, and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

A resolution was presented in relation to the expediency of establishing a mission among the North American Indians, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully present the following report:

The Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions contains a condensed history of the work committed to this important arm of our ecclesiastical establishment, together with suggestions for its more efficient movement. The following brief summary of the results of the past and previous years, which has been carefully prepared by the Secretary, affords at a glance the actual state of the cause, as administered by the Board:

SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Report 1860.		*Report* 1859.
76	churches and missions aided.	80.
61	" " at the East.	61.
15	" " " West.	18.
68	missionaries and missionary pastors.	67.
52	" " at the East.	49.
16	" " " West.	18.
6	new churches organized.	2.
5	new houses of worship secured.	5.
7	" " in various stages of progress.	
711	persons received to church membership.	805.
466	received on confession.	643.
4316	members of mission churches.	3400.
94	Sabbath-schools.	84.
5669	" " scholars.	5303.
$773.06	contributed to Domestic Missions from mission churches.	$645.
15,974.72	total receipts of 11 months.	$16,803.85, 12 months.
72	churches, or nearly one-fifth of our denomination, have become self-sustaining by aid of this Board in the last ten years.	

Leaving these facts to bear their own impressive witness for the faithfulness of the Missionaries, the Missionary Pastors and their co-laborers for the Board and its executive agents, and above all, for the

blessing which the Great Head of the Church has bestowed upon the work, we pass on to the chief considerations of the report.

The financial condition of the Board claims earnest, prompt, and Scriptural attention. Had the report covered the round period of twelve months, the aggregate receipts would doubtless have exceeded those of 1858–9. That the treasury is out of debt is largely owing to the great liberality of two generous friends of the Board, whose noble aid is duly acknowledged in the Annual Report. A very slight improvement on the fiscal results of the preceding year is apparent in the contributions of the Churches. But the total amount is five thousand dollars less than that of the year ending June 1, 1856, which was the highest sum ever yet reached by the gifts of the churches for this cause. In view of the advancing demands which are pressed upon the Board, they earnestly ask, at the hands of our four hundred churches, a decided increase and prompt remittance of moneys consecrated to the Domestic Missionary field. If our people would follow the example of the devoted men who compose the Executive Committee, and especially of those whose timely help has enabled the Treasurer to report a balance in his hands, we should not need to urge these claims. That spirit of stewardship would not only enable our agents to meet their obligations, but it would even be in the advance, bidding them to follow the hosts whom now they must annually spur to duty. The reasons for asking enlarged means and prompt payment of all contributions into the treasury are self-evident, and they have been so often repeated that we need not urge them here. It is manifest that the Church requires for this, and for all her benevolent institutions, a system of contributions which shall be scriptural in its principle, expansive in its operation, adapted to all of our churches and members, and so far placed under the supervision of the Classes as to secure, as far as practicable, the co-operation of our entire communion. Your committee believe that giving is, or ought to be, an act of worship to God, and that the measure of our gifts must be determined by the great law of demand and of supply in the Church of Christ. If these principles are once admitted, the beneficence of the Church, springing out of Christian hearts, will rise with the claims made upon her. God is preparing her for a glorious future, by making her willing to bear all the expenses which are necessary to supply the demand of his providence and grace. No other principle can meet the exigencies of the case. We must have this doctrine taught more earnestly and continually from our pulpits, and in our Sabbath-schools and families. It is no new theory, no doubtful experiment, no human expedient that we urge, but a life-principle—a part of the organic existence of the Church, equally essential to the growth of grace in the heart, and to the expansion of the evangelizing forces of the Gospel. Our people, our very children, must be educated to it; and until this doctrine is more thoroughly and generally received, we cannot expect to see the permanent advancement of our great educational and missionary work.

Your committee are also satisfied that some system must be adopted which will secure the regular oversight of the beneficent action of all the churches by the Classes to which they respectively belong. The

Synod, in former years, has sanctioned and recommended the practical adoption of the great scriptural principle of giving "according as the Lord hath prospered" each one, and the column assigned to reports of benevolent contributions is beginning to show some fair results. The committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the pastors and Consistories of the churches to give increased attention to the cultivation of this grace, in which they ought to abound; that all proper efforts should be promptly, systematically, and perseveringly made to raise the actual beneficence of all the churches to the scriptural standard.

Resolved, That the Classes be hereby enjoined to pay particular attention to the previous action of the General Synod on this subject, so as to secure an advancing munificence, and ample reports of the annual contributions to the religious and benevolent institutions of the Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions should receive from every church of our denomination that measure of beneficent contribution to which it is entitled by its vital relations to our position and prospects as a proselyting and witnessing Church of Christ, and by the new demands which God is pressing daily upon us.

The Board ask of the Synod a certain discretion in the use of those means which are confided to them. Great embarrassment is continually caused by the Classical recommendations of feeble churches within their own bounds, the appropriations to which absorb a large proportion of the funds at the East. It is stated in the report, that of the 76 churches and missions aided, 61 are at the East, and only 15 at the West; and that of the 68 missionaries and missionary pastors, 52 are at the East, and only 16 at the West. Of forty applications made for aid during the month of May, thirty-two are from Eastern churches. Some of the Classes actually ask more from the Board than all their churches place in its treasury. Sometimes, also, moneys are given to the Board conditioned upon their appropriation to feeble churches at home. Whether these Classical recommendations are confirmed or refused by the Board, they are often equally embarrassed thereby, because in either case the Western field must suffer by the absorption of funds in the East, or by their being withheld from the treasury by disappointed donors, who then apply them directly to their chosen objects.

It is plain that the Board should have a wise, and even a large discretion in this matter, of which they are justly supposed to be best able to judge. And while the Synod recommend to the Board great prudence in the distribution of the funds of the Church, they also affectionately remind the Classes of the absolute necessity of a sympathetic co-operation with the Board, and particularly that they should abstain from making such recommendations as would create needless embarrassment to the fair apportionment of the missionary funds to the destitute fields of the growing West.

It is time for the Churches to awake to the fact that it is far more important to foster the planting and training of new and hopeful churches at important points in our truly missionary regions, than to nurse too

long the weaklings which, but for overmuch care, would long since have gone alone. Moreover, the earnestness and the power of our missionary work must greatly depend, under God, upon the wise appropriation of our limited resources to the spots which will yield the quickest and the largest return. The fact that "72 churches, or nearly one-fifth of our denomination, have become self-sustaining, by aid of this Board, in the last ten years," is one of the most encouraging features of our accomplished work. And while it teaches us that the poor and the weak will bless us for every help, it confirms the principle that no mere inconsiderate recommendation of a Classis should prevent the Board from pursuing a wise, cautious, liberal, progressive plan of operations, or from bestowing just that measure of aid which the relative importance of each separate case demands. If the Board is to discharge its high responsibilities to the credit of the cause, it must be trusted by its constituents with generous allowance for differences of opinion, and especially with great sympathy and earnest co-operation, in view of the whole field, whose wants they must be allowed to understand far better than those whose eyes and hearts are filled with the needs of some favorite locality. But if a Classical recommendation must be regarded as an imperial edict, the mission of your Board is accomplished, and each Classis may rather take into their own hands the entire and direct management of all its domestic missionary funds. The Board is then but an expensive and supernumerary machine. If, on the other hand, the doctrine is correct, which has been often avowed in this Synod, of giving large powers to the Board, and of holding them to the strictest responsibility, it only remains for the Board to act in the wise and prayerful exercise of delegated authority.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions on this subject:

1. *Resolved*, That all the Classes are hereby enjoined to exercise the greatest care and discrimination in recommending Churches to the Board of Domestic Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Domestic Missions is hereby instructed to bestow a larger proportion of the funds which are at their disposal for their work within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Chicago, and that they are expected to use a liberal discretion in promoting the spread and establishment of the Church in the West.

3. *Resolved*, That the donors to this cause be earnestly requested not to fetter the action of the Board, by any unnecessary restriction of their gifts to favorite localities or persons.

The committee have carefully considered the following resolution of the Particular Synod of Chicago, which was referred to us:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Particular Synod, the time has come when some executive power, resident in the great field of Western Church extension, is imperatively demanded by the dearest interests of the whole Dutch Church, and by the common cause of Jesus Christ, and we therefore respectfully request General Synod to consider the necessity of appointing a Western Executive Committee

of the Board of Domestic Missions, to enjoy equal powers with the Executive Committee now existing in the East."

After full consultation with delegates from the said Synod, respecting the reasons for this resolution, we have unanimously concluded that the request ought not to be granted. All the past experience of our own Church, and of other denominations, has shown the impracticability of the proposed scheme. To erect an executive committee, located at the West, with equal powers with that now existing in the East, could only produce constant disturbance and collision.

At the same time, your committee are fully convinced that the state of our Church in the West is such as to demand the establishment of some effective additional agency, to be under the control of the Executive Committee, with the advice of the Classes of the Synod of Chicago. Having freely advised with brethren from the West, and the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, we have determined to propose to the Synod the appointment of an itinerant missionary, or missionary agent, or traveling secretary for the West, to be appointed by the Board of Domestic Missions.

The duties to be assigned to such officer of the Board would be something like these: He should personally examine localities in which church enterprises may be hopefully commenced; give facts as to population, healthfulness, business pursuits, persons interested, &c. He should hold possession of important points, by preaching and securing supplies. He should show the characteristics of our Church, and facilitate measures for procuring a Missionary or a Church organization. It would be a part of his duties to visit feeble churches, to encourage them and their pastors, and to make known to the Board and Church their necessities. He could suggest changes or exchanges of places among missionaries, when the cause can be thus more effectually subserved; or he might advise the discontinuance of hopeless enterprises, and the recall of ineffective men. He might be furnished with diagrams of tasteful and cheap church edifices, and assist churches with advice in the matter of building, the cost and the amount necessary to be sought abroad, in view of the actual wants of the whole field, and the safe probabilities of success in the designated locality. Besides keeping the Board constantly acquainted with items of public interest for the cause, he should also be charged with the collection of funds, and the promotion of a thorough system of Christian beneficence in the field assigned to him.

The probable expense of supporting a fit man in this office would be comparatively small; and even were it much larger than is at present estimated, there can be no doubt that the results of faithful labor would nobly justify the arrangement.

In the scattered state of our Western Churches, and with the increasing demands of the Eastern field, it is impossible for the Corresponding Secretary to maintain that personal supervision of this, the great missionary department of his work, which is imperiously required. No one man can do it. There is a felt necessity for a competent person at the West, who can traverse the field, occupy posi-

tions, and act as the eye, the ear, and the hand of the Board in all that work. He must be in direct communication with the Executive Committee, subject to their order, and yet clothed with those discretionary powers which may be necessary to insure prompt and proper action. Believing that the duties of such an agent will be wisely adjusted by the Board, and that with an acceptable man to fill the station, this arrangement will meet all the existing wants of the cause, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions be hereby empowered to appoint a suitable person for the purposes above mentioned, and that the Board shall prescribe his duties, assign his title, fix his salary, and make all arrangements necessary to secure the most effective discharge of the contemplated service.

Mission to the North American Indians.

Respecting the resolution which was referred to the committee, "That the Board of Domestic Missions be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mission among the North American Indians," we would respectfully represent, that if Providence should open a door of usefulness among these sons of the forest, it should be the honor and joy of our Church to enter upon the work; but as this subject belongs of right to the Foreign Missionary department, we recommend that it be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The ensuing resolutions are also submitted to Synod for adoption:

Resolved, That it be recommended to all churches which shall hereafter solicit pecuniary aid for the erection of church edifices and parsonages, and for the purchase of land or other property for church uses, to take all proper legal measures to secure such property to the possession of the Reformed Dutch Church, and especially to provide, in case of the alienation of said churches from our denomination, that the amount so collected from individuals and congregations of the Reformed Dutch Church shall be returned to the Board of Corporation of the Reformed Dutch Church, to be granted by them upon similar terms, with the advice and consent of the Board of Domestic Missions, for the erection of church edifices for needy congregations, under the care of said Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the contributors to such enterprises be recommended to affix the same terms to their gifts.

In conclusion, your committee rejoice in the rich results and good prospects of the work of Domestic Missions. We express the hopes of the Synod and the Church, that under the careful management of the Executive Committee, and the eminent usefulness of the beloved brother whose first annual report to the Synod so well justifies the expectations which attended his appointment, that the career of the Board will from henceforth be bright with blessings.

Before the glorious Head of the Church let us express our humble gratitude for all the blessings with which he has crowned this year of missions. And while lamenting and repenting of the errors of the

past, let us lay the best offerings of a loving consecration at the feet of Him who loved the Church, and gave himself for it.

By order of the Committee,

WILLIAM J. R. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Domestic Missions whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were elected: Rev. William Reiley, D.D., Alexander M. Mann, D.D., D. McL. Quackenbush, and Messrs. Benjamin C. Miller, John I. Brower, William B. Crosby, Theodore R. De Forest, and Samuel Sloan.

ARTICLE XIX.

WIDOWS' FUND.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the Widows' Fund beg leave respectfully to report:

That they find in the "Fund" a balance, on April 30, 1860, of $17,094.11; and at the same date, a balance of cash in the "Income of the Fund," amounting to $373.54.

Certain facts call for the special attention of Synod:

1. During the year no *new* subscriptions have been made.

2. Of the annual subscribers, who number, as nearly as your Committee can ascertain, eighty-five, only thirty-five have made payment this year, the majority being willing to risk the forfeit of their interest in the Fund.

3. During the year, six ministers of our Church have withdrawn their subscriptions, amounting to $1,680. Of this amount withdrawn, $500 has been taken out of the principal of the Fund, and $1,180 out of the income.

4. The consequence is, that the annuitants, in their age and widowhood, have received for six months, sums varying from $7.87 to $21, in the place of $100, the maximum proposed and reached in the year 1853.

Now, all this not only betrays a growing want of confidence in this plan of relief, but seems to presage a rapid withdrawal of its funds.

Your committee see the peril. Its approach has threatened the Widows' Fund for many years. Now its condition seems almost desperate.

Synod's resolutions of confidence have commended it to the favor of the churches year after year, but have done little good. We do not propose to Synod to repeat this experiment. But your committee propose the following:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of Elders Jacob B. Jewett, Peter D. Vroom, S. B. Schieffelin, and Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D.D., and Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., to take into consideration the subject of the Widows' Fund, with the view of ascertaining what measures can be adopted to give greater stability and efficiency to the operations of this Fund; and that such committee report at the next meeting of Synod.

In regard to the communication in behalf of Rev. Mr. Harlow, your committee suggest that Synod cannot interfere with the working of that Fund in this brother's case, but can only commend him to the loving care of those who know his need, which, doubtless, will not leave him to suffer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. M'L. QUACKENBUSH, *Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 10, 1860.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the churches represented in this Synod to take up a collection for the Widows' Fund on the third Sabbath in October, or any other convenient Sabbath, and the avails be immediately transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Corporation.

ARTICLE XX.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

A request was presented from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, asking to be excused from preaching the sermon in behalf of the Board of Publication on the evening of the third day of the session.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Publication was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication was received and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication reported, and their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee, to whom were referred the papers relating to the Board of Publication, beg leave to report:

That an examination of the Report, and the statement of the Corresponding Secretary, enable us to form a correct view of the operations and present position of the Board. As the full report of the Board, of which we have only an abstract, is to be printed and widely

diffused among the churches, your committee will be excused from lengthy statistical statements.

Whilst the work of the Board of Publication requires us to look at it according to strictly commercial rules, we must not overlook the high and glorious object which it proposes. It is advisable to consider its wants and claims in view of both of these considerations.

The Commercial or Business Aspect of this Board.

The receipts of the Board from collections in seventy-two churches amount to $1,469.80. It is gratifying, even in view of this small amount, to know that more churches, by thirty, have contributed than ever before in one year. The entire receipts from all sources amount to $22,810.84. This amount has been obtained from collections in churches, individual donations, sales, and from loans. It is to be deeply regretted that receipts from this last source so largely enter into the amount. Nor are these limited to ordinary business accommodations. The members of the Board constantly furnish money for the operations of the establishment. A corporation ought not to be obliged to resort to such expedients.

Even more deplorable than this is the fact, so honorable to the members of the Board, that they have given their personal notes as a collateral security in doing the work of the Synod. It is clearly manifest that the Board does not possess the credit necessary for it as a business establishment.

Limited as it thus is, no capacity for the administration of its affairs can enable the Board to carry even its light burden of expenses. That the Board can live in its present condition is a sheer impossibility.

Publishing Department.

During the year, the Board has published about 25,000 copies of Books; besides Tracts, Minutes of Synods, Reports of the various Boards, and Sunday-school Proofs. The whole amounting to 6,287,382 pages.

Among the most important of these publications is the new edition of the 12mo size of the Psalm and Hymn Book. The general execution of this work is creditable to our Board. A like improvement is to be hoped for in the 18mo size, which is promised to us in September next.

The committee has examined the copies of books submitted by the Board, and consider them well worthy of the Synod's endorsement. The volume of the Minutes of General Synod furnished us makes us more anxious than ever to see it followed by the second volume of the series. The set of books prepared for the various records and accounts needed by the churches are commended to general adoption and use. Both order and correctness will thus be promoted.

Capital needed by the Board.

There can be no question that the Board of Publication, like every other business establishment, manufacturing and selling goods, needs a capital. In view of the great want of the Board in this respect, we are surprised at two things: First, that the Board should have done so much; secondly, that the members of the Board should have kept up their operations so long by personal labor and sacrifice.

There is something melancholy in the announcement that members of the Board have given their individual notes as collateral security in conducting the work which the Church has appointed. These brethren have long been in the practice of making liberal donations of money, as well as time, and of loaning their funds. But we were hardly prepared to learn that their zeal would have carried them so far. Whilst we admire their course, they only temporarily secure to the Church the benefits of the Board—the Board itself is by no means strengthened. It waits a little longer for the helping hand which should long ago have been extended to it.

The Board presents a nominal balance in its favor of $10,256.13. Of this sum, $9,799.55 is represented by store fixtures, stereotype plates and boxes, wood-cuts and electrotypes. Were this nominal amount worth the sum represented, it would be mostly unavailable in the operations of the Board. But the deterioration of the plates by wear, and the want of market for new editions of books printed, constrain us to deduct largely from this truthful exhibit of what the Board has expended upon its working stock.

The Board states the need of a capital of $25,000. It must strike every one that some such amount is necessary to the comfortable and successful action of our Board. The unusual interest upon the sum named is less than the collections in the churches and individual donations during the past year, these having amounted to $2,292.63. This latter sum has been entirely absorbed in the annual expenses of the operations, which amounted to $2,367.60. The employment of a proper capital would enable the Board to pay its working expenses, whilst giving to the Church a large and varied amount of religious literature. But without it, the first page of a new book cannot be printed. The Church has no right to expect it. A loan or long-extended credit is almost indispensable to issue a new edition of the shortest tract upon our list. It is impossible to do more than adjourn the day of death to the Board, unless furnished with an actual cash capital.

The Claims of the Board upon the Church.

The first is a claim to be put in a proper working condition. As it is unpalatable to the churches to do this by annual collections, and as this mode of support is altogether capricious and unreliable, it is plain that the only course to pursue is to endow the Board.

The object of this Board is to publish for the Church. The usual mode of exchanges, existing between publishing houses, by which they work off their issues, and give variety to their stock, adding to their

sales and profits, is not open to a Church Board. The excellence of what we paid on its shelves or obtain from its colporteurs must not be marred by anything of this kind. Our brethren in the Board of Publication do enough in making brick for us; we have no right to withhold the straw. In their present position, they imitate ancient Israel in gathering stubble wherever they can find it. They have a claim to the capital needed to carry on their work. This Board is the creature of the Synod—a willing servant to do the Synod's work. Either as parent or master, the Synod is bound to furnish the means requisite.

The Board has a second claim upon the churches—to furnish a market for its publications. Having chosen such works as are agreeable to the doctrines of the Church, it is little enough to ask that the way be opened for the distribution of these books. Thus the Church will receive back what she contributes; and the pious liberality which seeks the good of the Church through this channel will delight in the performance of its work.

In what way the Board is to gain this object, whether by colportage, by local bookstores, or special agents, should be left to its own discretion. What concerns us is to give these publications to our congregations. Whether the Board enlarge its operations or not; indeed, whether the Board is to continue its existence or not, the churches need the excellent publications upon its shelves, or which could be multiplied from its stereotype plates. The productions of our ministry, which the Board has taken in hand to publish, are not properly brought to the families of the Church. To accomplish this, the pastors and Consistories must open the way more fully for the valuable religious publications issued by the Board.

Action proposed for the Synod.

Your committee would suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Church, and of this Synod, are eminently due to the members of the Board of Publication for their untiring efforts and their personal sacrifices in sustaining the operations of the Board.

Resolved, That in view of the wants of the Board, and the desirableness of its efficient action, we commend it to the churches, and especially to individuals to whom God has intrusted wealth, that the Board may receive the needed capital for its operations.

Resolved, That we approve the judgment of the Board of Publication, that at least $25,000 will be needed as a capital for the operations of the Board.

Respectfully submitted.

PH. PELTZ, *Chairman.*

PHILADELPHIA, *June* 12, 1860.

The Committee on Nominations having reported, Synod proceeded to fill the places of those in the Board of Publication whose term of service has expired. On counting the ballots, it appeared that the following were chosen: Rev. Thomas M. Strong, D.D., Talbot W. Chambers, D.D., David D. Demarest, D.D.; and Messrs. James Demarest, Thomas Jeremiah, Ten Eyck Sutphen, Louis J. Belloni, Myndert Van Schaick, Loring Andrews, Jacob R. Wortendyke.

ARTICLE XXI.

PARTICULARIA.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk have printed two hundred copies of the Roll of the Synod, including members, officers, and Standing Committees, for the use of the Synod.

A letter was received from the President of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, inviting the Synod to attend the Thirty-seventh Annual Exhibition of this Institution. Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, That the invitation be accepted, and the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Directors.

Resolved, That that part of the report of the Committee on Nominations recommending preachers be recommitted, with instructions to report the names of the persons from whom the Synod shall elect one to preach upon the subject "Of the Benevolent Operations of the Church" during the session of the General Synod, and that all the action of the Synod as to the appointment of preachers on behalf of the several Boards inconsistent with the above, be, and hereby is, repealed.

Resolved, That the sermon preached by the Rev. G. H. Mandeville on behalf of the Sabbath-School Board be printed in the *Christian Intelligencer*.

A communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia, inviting the members of the Synod to visit their rooms, and use their library and periodicals, as may suit their convenience: whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association be accepted, with the thanks of the Synod for their politeness.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be directed to send up in their Statistical Reports the Post-Office addresses of the members without pastoral charge.

An invitation was received for the Synod to visit the Academy o

Natural Sciences, which was accepted, with the thanks of the Synod for the same.

Resolved, That in all cases where a member of any one of our benevolent Boards shall fail to attend the Stated Meetings of such Board for a twelvemonth continuously, such failure shall be deemed a resignation of his office, and the Board shall have liberty to fill his place by a new appointment for the unexpired term.

The Rev. Peter H. Burghardt, Elbert Nevius, John G. Johnson, Nathaniel Conklin, and the Elder John V. A. Merrill, were appointed a Committee of Canvass, to whom the ballots cast for filling vacancies in the several Boards of the Synod, for corresponding delegates, and for a person to preach on the Benevolent Operations of the Church, were committed, who reported the result of the election.

Resolved, That the First Reformed Dutch Church of Buffalo be recommended to the benevolence of our churches, with the earnest hope that the application of said church for aid in securing a suitable edifice may be met by a willing and liberal response.

ARTICLE XXII.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

The Synod was addressed, on the third day of the session, by the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Education, the Board of Publication, the Board of Domestic Missions, and the Board of Sabbath-School Union, in relation to the interests of those several Boards.

The Synod was addressed on the evening of the third day of the session on the subject of Foreign Missions, by the Rev. Dr. E. Doty, a returned missionary from China; in the course of his remarks he presented a salutation from the Church at Amoy, and also a letter from the Church of Chiobi to the General Synod.

Resolved, That the various Boards of our Church be requested, if practicable, to have their reports printed and ready for distribution at the opening of the meetings of Synod.

The Committee on Nominations having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach a sermon upon the benevolent operations of the Synod, Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. D. McL. Quackenbush was chosen *Primarius*, and the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, D.D., *Secundus*.

Resolved, That the sermon in behalf of the benevolent operations of the Church be preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session.

Resolved, That all the pastors and churches in connection with the Synod are hereby earnestly requested to regard its injunction that the last Thursday of February be observed as a day of special prayer for colleges and seminaries of learning, and that the pastors of the various churches preach upon the subject of Education on the Sabbath previous thereto.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several churches of our denomination to take up a collection for the American Colonization Society on the Sabbath nearest the 4th of July, or any other convenient Sabbath.

ARTICLE XXIII.

PASTORAL LETTER.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXV.

ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report to the Synod:

That in view of previous appropriations from the funds of the Synod for the mileage of the far Western members, and understanding that these members of the present Synod have come on, in expectation of a similar appropriation at this meeting, the committee would recommend such an appropriation, corresponding to that made last year, viz.:

To the Classis of	Illinois	$108 00
" "	Michigan	84 00
" "	Holland	84 00
		$276 00

The Classis of Wisconsin is this year omitted in this recommendation, because the present expenses of the delegate from that body are otherwise defrayed.

These sums the committee recommend to be divided between not more than three delegates from each Classis; and if there be less than

three delegates in attendance, then each delegate shall receive but one-third of the sum thus appropriated.

This amount of mileage, it seems from past records, was so estimated as to bring the Western delegates on their way so far as the bounds of the Classis of Cayuga, to put them on an equality with the delegates from the Eastern Churches.

The following bills have been presented:

For services of Sexton	$12 00
" Stationery	10 06
" Printing Roll of Synod	4 00
" " Ballots	2 50
Amounting in all to	$28 56

All of which they recommend to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. HALL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXVI.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1,300 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated, and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be given to the Consistory of this Church, for the use of their church building for the sessions of Synod, and also to the Consistory of the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Philadelphia, for the use of their building for the Sermon on Foreign Missions, and to the Consistory of the Second Church for the use of their house for the Sermon on Domestic Missions.

Resolved, That our thanks be given to the families of this city for their hospitality in entertaining the members of this body.

Agreeably to the standing rule of the Synod, the Roll was called at the close of the Session, when it appeared that the Rev. J. R. Van Arsdale, and the Elders Richard Walsh and Henry R. Furbeck, were absent without permission.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVII.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the next Stated Session of the General Synod be held in the Reformed Dutch Church on the Heights, in the City of Brooklyn.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church on the Heights, in the City of Brooklyn, on the first Wednesday in June, 1861, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and was closed with singing and prayer, and pronouncing the apostolical benediction by the President.

O. H. GREGORY, *President.*
JOHN GARRETSON, *Adsessor.*
J. HOWARD SUYDAM, } *Clerks pro tem.*
E. TANJORE CORWIN, }
THOMAS C. STRONG, *Permanent Clerk.*

Official copy from original Minutes.

THOS. M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

Board of Domestic Missions.

Members of the Board Elected June, 1858.

Rev. Isaac Ferris, D.D.,
" Peter Stryker,
" P. D. Van Cleef,
" G. Talmage,
Rev. E. S. Porter, D.D.,
Mr. S. B. Schieffelin,
" M. De Mott,
" T. C. Doremus.

Members of the Board Elected June, 1859.

Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, D.D.,
" J. Garretson, D.D.,
" H. D. Ganse,
" G. Abeel, D.D.,
Rev. G. H. Fisher,
Mr. L. W. Kip,
" B. C. Miller,
" Smith Bloomfield.

Mr. L. J. Belloni, to fill unexpired term of Mr. T. C. Doremus, resigned.

Members of the Board Elected June, 1860.

Rev. Wm. Reiley, D.D.,
" A. M. Mann, D.D.,
" D. McL. Quackenbush,
Mr. B. C. Miller,
Mr. John I. Brower,
" Wm. B. Crosby,
" T. R. De Forest,
" Samuel Sloan.

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Rev. Paul D. Van Cleef, *Vice Pres't*,
" Anson Du Bois, *Cor. Secretary*,
Louis J. Belloni, *Treasurer*,
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" John I. Brower,
" Theo. R. De Forest,
" L. J. Belloni, *ex officio*.

Board of Foreign Missions.

Members whose Term Expires June, 1861.

Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D.,
" David D. Demarest, D.D.,
" Jeremiah S. Lord, D.D.,
" David H. Riddle, D.D.,
Rev. Hugh N. Wilson, D.D.,
Mr. Charles P. Little,
" Stephen Van Rensselaer,
" Abm. J. Beekman.

Members whose Term Expires June. 1862.

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" E. P. Rogers, D.D.,
" W. J. R. Taylor, D.D.,
" D. McL. Quackenbush,
Rev. Jas. Demarest, Jr.,
Mr. Theo. Frelinghuysen,
" Wm. B. Crosby,
" John T. Moore.

Members whose Term Expires June, 1863.

Rev. James Eells,
" Wm. H. Steele,
" John B. Alliger,
" John De Witt, D.D.,
Rev. N. E. Smith,
Mr. Sanford Cobb, Jr.,
" A. B. Preston,
" Ralph Wells.

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General Synod's Sabbath-School Union.

James Anderson, M.D., *President.*
Rev. B. C. Taylor, D.D., *Vice-Pres't,*
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Bauman Lowe, *Recording Secretary.*
John S. Bussing, *Treasurer.*

For One Year, 1861.

Rev. A. R. Van Nest, Jr.,
" Thomas C. Strong,
" C. S. Hageman,
" J. A. Todd,
" A. Elmendorf,
" E. Van Aken,
Mr. Theodore Earle,
" Bauman Lowe,
" William Bogert,
" Gilbert H. Van Mater,
" John Skillman,
" Jeremiah Johnson, Jr.

For Two Years, 1862.

Rev. Thos. E. Vermilye, D.D.,
" B. C. Taylor, D.D.,
" John C. Guldin,
" Polhemus Van Wyck,
Mr. Thomas Jeremiah,
" John S. Bussing,
Mr. John M. Keese,
" Jacob Brouwer,
" Charles S. Little,
" A. J. Beekman,
" Abram Van Nest,
" John De Lamater.

For Three Years, 1863.

Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck,
" M. S. Hutton, D.D.,
" W. W. Halloway,
" Paul D. Van Cleef,
" A. A. Willetts,
" Geo. W. Bethune, D.D.,
Rev. Jacob West,
" Goyn Talmage,
Mr. James Anderson, M.D.,
" Livingston K. Miller,
" John Hardenburgh,
" Tunis A. Waldron.

Board of Education.

Members whose Term Expires in 1861, *are*

Rev. Samuel B. How, D.D.,
" Wm. R. Gordon, D.D.,
" N. E. Smith,
Mr. B. Livingston Kip,
Mr. Peter S. Duryee,
" John S. Woodward,
" Theo. Frelinghuysen,
" Jeremiah Lambert.

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Rev. Thos. E. Vermilye, D.D.,
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" John Proudfit, D.D.,
" M. S. Hutton, D.D.,
Rev. W. H. Ten Eyck,
Mr. Hugh Allen,
" F. J. Hosford,
" Peter R. Warner.

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" J. A. H. Cornell, D.D.,
" R. O. Currie, D.D.,
" Ezra W. Collier,
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" S. B. Schieffelin,
Mr. Peter R. Warner,
" James W. Beekman,

And the five Officers of the Board.

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Term Expires in June, 1861.

Rev. Thos. E. Vermilye, D.D.,
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" Paul D. Van Cleef,
" William J. R. Taylor, D.D.,
Rev. Samuel M. Woodbridge, D.D.,
Mr. James A. Williamson,
" Peter Duryee,
" Richard Amerman.

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" Elbert S. Porter, D.D.,
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" Maurice E. Viele,
" Mortimer De Motte.

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Mr. Thomas Jeremiah,
" Ten Eyck Sutphen,
" Loring Andrews,
" Jacob R. Wortendyke,
" Louis J. Belloni.

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William Ferris, - 61 Franklin Street.

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